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P R O C E E D I N G S

10:07 a.m.

MR. ALCORN: I'd like to welcome everyone to today's workshop -- over there talking with Pat Eilert, who's the Project Manager, and responsible for the technical development of this contract.

Also Charles Eley to my right is the prime contractor to the Energy Commission for this round of the building standards.

I would also like to acknowledge the Commissioners' offices. I saw Commissioner Rosenfeld here earlier, although I don't see him now. He may be listening in from his office upstairs, as well as Commissioner Pernell, and their Advisors, John Wilson and Rosella Shapiro.

The purpose of this workshop today is to discuss the fourth group of measure analysis reports. There will be five reports presented, and they will be discussed in the order that they appear on the agenda.

The format for today's workshop will be the same as previous workshops; that is the first 15 minutes for each presentation will be a brief overview of the proposal, itself. And the

1 remaining 30 minutes will be for questions and
2 comments. So each topic will receive 45 minutes
3 in time.

4 You've all heard this before but I just
5 want to remind everyone about a couple of
6 housekeeping items. There is a sign-in sheet
7 outside; hopefully you have all stapled your
8 business cards to that sign-in sheet.

9 Also if you could provide a copy of your
10 business card to the court reporter, who's over
11 here adjusting my microphone. His name is Peter.
12 He will probably wave at you if he can't hear you.
13 If he can't hear you it's because you're not
14 speaking directly into the microphone.

15 I'd like to point out that the taller
16 microphone is the microphone for the Commission's
17 PA system. And that's the microphone that is
18 broadcasting over the internet. And the smaller
19 microphone is the recorder's microphone. So if
20 you're not speaking into both of these mikes,
21 you're not being heard on the internet and you're
22 also not being recorded by the transcriber. It
23 means that your comments will not be included in
24 the transcription. So, please, be aware of that.

25 Also, during the lunch hour if we could

1 all move out of the hearing room. The reason why
2 is because there have been some private
3 conversations recorded over the internet. We
4 don't like to turn the microphones off. So at the
5 lunch hour, if we could move out of the hearing
6 room and have private conversations outside in the
7 lobby, that would be great.

8 The first presenter today is Charles
9 Eley. Charles will be presenting the first two
10 topics, electronically commutated motors and size
11 threshold for variable speed drives.

12 So, with that I'll be quiet and let
13 Charles make his presentation.

14 MR. ELEY: We'll start the first slides
15 of ECM motors. The research for -- the ECM motors
16 proposal was suggested back in November by John
17 Hogan at the City of Seattle.

18 The research on this topic was done by
19 Newport Design Consultants with assistance from
20 Eric Kolderup in our office, and Mark Hydeman at
21 Taylor Engineering.

22 Next slide, please. Basically the
23 series fan powered box is used in variable volume
24 systems to maintain a relatively constant air flow
25 at the zone level.

1 Often in like a conference room or
2 something like this there's no heat load. And the
3 primary air volume is reduced to a point where the
4 air circulation rate would be quite small to
5 satisfy the load.

6 So for occupant comfort and to overcome
7 the perception of stuffiness there's a fan located
8 in a series power terminal unit; an illustration
9 is shown here. And this fan runs pretty much
10 continuously during the operating hours of a
11 building.

12 And furthermore, these fans are pretty
13 inefficient and there's a good opportunity here to
14 save energy.

15 Next slide, please. The series fan
16 powered boxes are available in different physical
17 sizes. They range from about 400 cubic feet per
18 minute up to about 2000 cubic feet per minute.
19 And they have fan motors that range from about a
20 quarter horsepower up to 1 horsepower.

21 As I mentioned, fan motors are typically
22 very inefficient; 40 to 50 percent. And when they
23 operate at part load they're really inefficient,
24 15 to 20 percent. They have a very primitive type
25 of speed control.

1 Some larger, if you have a larger space
2 then fan powered boxes can be configured with
3 multiple motors and multiple fans.

4 Next slide, please. Basically an ECM
5 motor is a direct current motor as opposed to an
6 alternating current motor. They're quite
7 efficient compared to the kinds of fans or types
8 of motors that they would replace.

9 They're greater than 70 percent
10 efficient. And much of this efficiency is due to
11 an efficient speed control. We would add a new
12 definition for an electronically commutated motor,
13 and the text of that is provided here, and also in
14 the research report. I won't bother to read it
15 here, but it's pretty straightforward.

16 Next slide. So we would add a
17 requirement or modify section 144(c)(2) and it
18 would read: Fan motors of 1 horsepower or less in
19 series terminal units shall be electronically
20 commutated motors, or shall have a minimum motor
21 efficiency of 70 percent when rated in accordance
22 with NEMA standard MG1 in full loaded rating
23 conditions. So this is the language that would go
24 into the standards.

25 Next slide, please. This shows the

1 relative fan power for both AC motors and ECM
2 motors. This is -- you might have better success
3 if you turn to the report on this; it's on page 11
4 of the report.

5 (Pause.)

6 MR. ELEY: This curve at the top -- the
7 x axis of this is air flow in cfm and it ranges
8 from zero up to 2500 cfm. And the vertical axis,
9 or the y axis, is fan power.

10 This curve at the top is a one
11 horsepower AC motor. The curve directly below it,
12 the solid line, is a one horsepower ECM motor.
13 So, if you compare this curve to this curve you
14 can see the power savings for different fan
15 volumes, for air flow volumes.

16 The other curves show different sized
17 motors. This is for a three-quarter horsepower
18 motor and so forth.

19 Next slide, please. This presents the
20 data in a little bit different way. This shows
21 for air flow what the difference is between those
22 curves that we just saw.

23 So we're looking at power savings in the
24 range of 110 to 390 watts. And there's a
25 significant variation in the savings. In some

1 cases one size of induction motor might be
2 selected to provide the same air flow as a single
3 ECM.

4 For example, savings are low when air
5 flow is at the high end of the one horsepower
6 production motor range. And savings increase to a
7 point where a three-quarter or one horsepower
8 induction motor is required.

9 So, these data show the savings from two
10 manufacturers, Titus and Nailor.

11 Next slide, please. And this figure
12 here shows the present value of savings. There's
13 four air flow ranges here, 500, 1000, 1500 and
14 2000 cfm. So the savings in watts, there's a high
15 and a low range there. And then these are the
16 savings in terms of kilowatt hours. So this is
17 peak and this is kilowatt hours.

18 And then using our life cycle cost data,
19 this shows the present value of those energy
20 savings. So they're at a low of about \$639 for
21 the low flow up to about \$1000. From about \$900
22 to \$2200 for the larger motors providing 2000 cfm
23 of flow.

24 Next slide. The cost premium for an ECM
25 motor is on the order of \$155 to \$250 per motor.

1 If you add a 30 percent markup to that for general
2 contractors and HVAC contractors overhead and
3 profit, that brings it up to about \$200 to \$325.
4 And this cost premium is significantly lower than
5 the present value of the energy savings that were
6 shown on the previous slide.

7 If you go back to the previous slide,
8 the lowest -- back up, yeah -- the lowest number
9 was about \$639. So, it's still very very cost
10 effective.

11 And that's it, Bryan, thanks.

12 MR. ALCORN: Okay, terrific. Do we have
13 any questions or comments on Charles' proposal?
14 Tom Trimberger.

15 MR. TRIMBERGER: Tom Trimberger
16 representing California Building Officials. Good
17 morning.

18 I didn't -- the cost that you showed,
19 the measure cost doesn't account for anything to
20 provide DC power to the building. That typically
21 isn't there, whereas it seems like they would have
22 some cost to provide DC power to the building.

23 MR. ELEY: You don't really need to
24 provide DC power to the building. The motor has
25 its own rectifier that takes the AC power and

1 converts it to DC, which is used. So that's all
2 part of the electronics.

3 MR. TRIMBERGER: Okay, so it wires --

4 MR. ELEY: Right, --

5 MR. TRIMBERGER: -- up --

6 MR. ELEY: -- you wire it up to standard
7 line voltage.

8 MR. TRIMBERGER: Wonderful. The only
9 other issue I had, I think, in the proposed
10 standards language, there could be some confusion
11 fan motors of one horsepower or less in series
12 terminal units. Do we define series terminal
13 units?

14 MR. ELEY: Not very well, I guess.
15 That's a very good comment; and we should probably
16 add a definition.

17 MR. TRIMBERGER: And terminal units is
18 already used to be like a wall AC type of thing,
19 too. So somehow, you know, I don't know if you
20 want to say specifically variable air volume,
21 because there are constant volume boxes. But I
22 think that needs to be made clearer to avoid some
23 confusion.

24 MR. ELEY: That's an excellent comment.
25 We need to make that change.

1 MR. TRIMBERGER: And I had one other
2 thing. Not coming to me. Oh, for the savings did
3 you look at -- there you've got the low and the
4 high values, basically as to whether the unit is
5 running on low speed or high speed.

6 Did you try to apply that to a typical
7 what the box would be running over at the --
8 throughout the year?

9 MR. ELEY: Yeah. The kilowatt hour
10 savings were based on simulations, so they
11 accounted for the -- the peak watt savings were
12 based on manufacturers' reported data. The
13 variation was just variation between
14 manufacturers.

15 MR. TRIMBERGER: Oh, that's the low-
16 highs, the variation of the manufacturers?

17 MR. ELEY: Yeah, right.

18 MR. TRIMBERGER: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. ELEY: Right. But the energy
20 numbers are based on annual operating hours.

21 MR. TRIMBERGER: Okay, thank you.

22 MR. ALCORN: Gary Fernstrom.

23 MR. FERNSTROM: Gary Fernstrom, PG&E.
24 PG&E supports this measure as the California
25 utility new construction and retrofit programs

1 have long supported variable frequency drives and
2 have found them to be cost effective in air
3 handlers.

4 I do have one question, however. I
5 presume the efficiencies you're showing and the
6 savings you're showing are for the fan motor
7 system, where you're looking at the power for
8 equivalent air flow with variable speed versus
9 conventional AC motors; as opposed to just the
10 electrical efficiency of the motor by itself?

11 MR. ELEY: That's correct.

12 MR. FERNSTROM: Thank you.

13 MR. ALCORN: Tom Trimberger.

14 MR. TRIMBERGER: I don't want to steal
15 the mike here. Just one other question. Looking
16 back at the original 28 or so measures that we
17 were going to proceed, we talked about VAV fan
18 controls and staged volume fan controls.

19 Are those names changed to
20 electronically commutated motors in series
21 terminal units? Is that the same thing, or is
22 that something different?

23 MR. ELEY: No, they're different. ECM
24 motors is sort of a less than one horsepower
25 version of a variable speed technology. And so

1 this particular recommended code change would only
2 apply for the small motors that are used for fan
3 powered boxes.

4 Next we'll be talking about the
5 requirement for variable speed drives in the next
6 topic that's coming up, and the two-stage -- I'm
7 not sure the status of that one; that was one that
8 was --

9 MR. TRIMBERGER: Then we had VAV fan
10 controls somewhere.

11 MR. PENNINGTON: Southern California
12 Edison is working on a compliance option for the --
13 - what's the latest name of this, Tony?

14 MR. PIERCE: Stage volume 8.

15 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, stage volume. So
16 that --

17 MR. TRIMBERGER: So we haven't heard
18 that workshop yet, okay.

19 MR. ELEY: So there's really three
20 proposals. You're about to hear the second one.

21 MR. TRIMBERGER: All right, thank you.
22 I'm just trying to keep track of everything.

23 MR. ELEY: And the third one would be a
24 compliance option.

25 MR. ALCORN: Okay, great. Marshall

1 Hunt.

2 MR. HUNT: Marshall Hunt, PG&E. On the
3 life cycle savings calculation I'm assuming that's
4 not TDV; it's just the straight --

5 MR. ELEY: No, this is straight. This
6 is just using the \$1.37 per kilowatt hour saved.

7 MR. HUNT: So it would be more
8 beneficial with --

9 MR. ELEY: It would be -- it would look
10 even more favorable were you to use the -- TDV
11 because these motors operate during peak.

12 MR. HUNT: Thank you.

13 MR. ELEY: In fact, they operate --
14 their power's higher during peak.

15 MR. ALCORN: Ahmed.

16 MR. AHMED: Two quick questions,
17 Charles. Just a little understanding, what
18 percent of new construction uses this sort of
19 technology, terminal units?

20 And second, what is the base price of
21 the standard motor? Because you gave us the
22 incremental motor costs, and I was just wondering
23 how does it compare with the base price.

24 MR. ELEY: You know, those are both good
25 questions, and I'm not sure I've got the answer to

1 either one of them.

2 SPEAKER: Mr. Hogan.

3 MR. ELEY: John may have.

4 MR. HOGAN: John Hogan, City of Seattle.

5 We've had this requirement in effect in our
6 Seattle energy code, and have found the
7 implementation going very smoothly with this.

8 Responding to some of the specific
9 questions, we're finding the more efficient type
10 of VAV system has the parallel fans. And so
11 you're not running -- the series fan you're
12 running the motors all the time, running the fans
13 all the time.

14 What we're finding is that more and more
15 people are shifting to series because there's this
16 perception of improved indoor air quality by the
17 tenants if there's air moving. Doesn't mean the
18 air is better, but they feel it moving, so they
19 feel it's better. So more and more people are
20 shifting this way.

21 So I can't give you the percentages, but
22 when we had this discussion during our coded
23 option, the presumption was that all the
24 designers, all the contractors saying, yeah, we're
25 putting in these systems. So it's certainly a

1 majority of cases.

2 MR. ELEY: I would say that there's
3 several of these series fan powered boxes in every
4 building that has got VAV. You typically find
5 them in conference rooms and interior spaces where
6 the thermal loads from the envelope are small.
7 And it's pretty common.

8 So, they're pretty widespread, but I
9 don't have the figures.

10 MR. PENNINGTON: So, John, do you have
11 any idea what the cost is for this? That was
12 Ahmed's other question there. The base cost?

13 MR. HOGAN: Right. No, just the
14 increment; I'm not aware of the base cost.

15 MR. ELEY: The units are -- the motor,
16 itself, is not priced separately, though. I mean
17 we could go to the Titus or Nailor catalogue and
18 get the price for the whole fan powered box. But
19 it comes with the motor and, you know, everything
20 as a single unit.

21 MR. AHMED: Right, just a question of
22 curiosity because we have the incremental cost, we
23 don't have a the base cost to get an idea.

24 MR. ELEY: I'm guessing they range
25 from -- my hunch is they -- Tony, you may have

1 some figures, but I'm guessing like \$2000 up to --
2 \$1500 up to maybe \$3000, something like that, for
3 the total cost of the fan powered unit.

4 MR. AHMED: Right, and then when you
5 switch the motor it's \$300 more basically?

6 MR. ELEY: Right.

7 MR. AHMED: Okay.

8 MR. ALCORN: Bob Raymer, did you have a
9 question? Okay. Are there any more questions on
10 this presentation?

11 Okay. Seeing and hearing none let's
12 move to the second presentation which Charles is
13 also presenting.

14 MR. ELEY: This research was done by the
15 same group of people, Eric Kolderup in our office,
16 Mark Hydeman from Taylor Engineering, and Lanny
17 Ross with Newport Design Consultants.

18 Next slide, please. We've had a
19 requirement in the standard for some time that any
20 VAV fan system that has more than 25 horsepower,
21 the motors have to either have a variable speed
22 drive, or they have to be an axial vane fan with
23 variable pitch. Or they have to use some other
24 technology so that they use less than 30 percent
25 power, of maximum power at 50 percent air flow.

1 This requirement has been in, I believe,
2 since '92. There's been a parallel requirement in
3 ASHRAE 90.1.

4 Next slide, please. In the last ten
5 years or so the cost of variable speed drives has
6 dropped considerably. They've become more
7 reliable. Power quality problems have been
8 solved. And they're becoming more and more a part
9 of the mainstream of building construction, sort
10 of like electronic ballasts are in the lighting
11 area.

12 So this proposed change is to reduce the
13 size threshold from 25 horsepower to 10
14 horsepower. So with this change any fan motor in
15 a variable speed system larger than 10 horsepower
16 would be required to have a variable speed drive.

17 And it's key to the motor size, in this
18 case, not the brake horsepower of the fan.

19 Next slide, please. This shows the
20 costs for different types of fan control. So we
21 have motor sizes ranging from one horsepower, two,
22 three, five, seven and a half, 10, 15, 20 up to 25
23 horsepower.

24 And there's four options shown here:
25 Constant volume, which means no control of the fan

1 volume; discharge dampers, which means that
2 there's discharge dampers that open and close at
3 the outlet from the fan and volume is controlled
4 that way; essentially increased pressure across
5 the fan.

6 Inlet vanes, which is a technology
7 that's used pretty common for centrifugal fans.
8 There's these spiral vanes at the inlet to the
9 drum that directs the air and is able to vary the
10 volume. And then finally variable speed drives.

11 So this shows the cost for these types
12 of technologies. You can see that variable speed
13 drives start at about \$2700 and increase up to
14 about close to \$7000 for a 25 horsepower motor.

15 These data are all from the means cost
16 guide. The cost for inlet vanes includes both the
17 damper plus the actuator motor.

18 And the cost for the variable speed
19 drive includes the NEMA 1 enclosure which is
20 required; and the same is true for the constant
21 volume fan.

22 Next slide, please. The horizontal axis
23 or the x axis is motor size. And this shows
24 savings for a low rise building. On the vertical
25 axis is the present value of the energy savings

1 for that motor operating in the situation of the
2 low rise residential building.

3 So these curves all emanating from zero
4 are different climate zones. You can see that in
5 some climate zones like climate zones 5 and 6,
6 very mild conditions, the benefits of the variable
7 speed drive are smallest.

8 In some climate zones like the magenta
9 here is climate zone 2; the savings are pretty
10 high there, and so forth.

11 The solid line that cuts across here
12 shows the present value of the incremental cost
13 for the variable speed drive in comparison to the
14 inlet vanes, which is, in our opinion, most common
15 basecase.

16 So this shows that at 10 horsepower the
17 variable speed drive is cost effective, even in
18 climate zone 5, the climate where the benefits are
19 least.

20 And in some climates it's actually cost
21 effective to put in the VSD at 5 horsepower or
22 even 4 horsepower or less.

23 Next slide, please. There's actually a
24 typo here; this should say high rise office. But
25 this shows the same data this time for a high rise

1 office building. These savings are all calculated
2 using DOE2 simulations and using the schedules of
3 operation that are specified in the nonresidential
4 ACM. Here the size threshold is a little bit
5 lower, at about 8 horsepower.

6 So anyway, based on this analysis the
7 recommendation is to require VSDs for motors 10
8 horsepower and greater. And that covers
9 everything. And as you can see from these data
10 there's a number of instances when it's cost
11 effective to do it even in smaller motor sizes,
12 but that's not being recommended.

13 We want to keep this simple. We're not
14 going to specify different size thresholds for
15 different climates or anything like that.

16 That's it, Bryan.

17 MR. ALCORN: Okay, thank you, Charles.
18 Lights back on, please. Okay, do we have any
19 questions or comments? I see Doug Mahone here
20 first.

21 MR. MAHONE: Yeah. Charles, I just had
22 a question, a measure like this, I think, depends
23 a fair amount on how well it's controlled. Is
24 there any obvious problems that these might not be
25 well enough controlled to be cost effective, or

1 the controls would, in a worst case, lead to
2 greater energy consumption?

3 MR. ELEY: You mean -- by control you
4 mean the position of the pressure sensor in the
5 duct system, or --

6 MR. MAHONE: Well, assuming that that's,
7 I mean, I imagine there's a variety of ways that
8 these can be controlled through a central energy
9 management system or through a local pressure
10 sensor or some --

11 MR. ELEY: Right.

12 MR. MAHONE: -- control and --

13 MR. ELEY: Well, typically the way
14 they're controlled is there's a pressure sensor
15 position somewhere in the duct system, and the
16 speed of the motor is varied to maintain a given,
17 a set pressure at that position.

18 And that's the case with inlet vanes or
19 variable speed drive or anything. So whatever
20 control problems that you're going to have, I
21 don't think, would be made any worse or better by
22 going with variable speed drive.

23 There are a lot of issues, though. I
24 don't want to diminish the issues, but there's
25 definitely some issues around where you locate

1 that pressure sensor and how it's handled in the
2 energy management system.

3 MR. ALCORN: I think Bill Pennington
4 wants to respond.

5 MR. PENNINGTON: One thing I would add,
6 if you look on page 16 in the performance
7 verification section there is an anticipation that
8 it's important to make sure these things get
9 installed right. And there's a proposal that we
10 develop acceptance requirements for this measure.

11 MR. ALCORN: Jon McHugh.

12 MR. McHUGH: Jon McHugh, HMG. Charles,
13 my recollection of these DOE2 curves is that
14 they're assuming that the pressure in the duct is
15 decreasing with decreasing speed. And as part of
16 this proposal are you proposing that there be a
17 pressure reset control similar to what the ASHRAE
18 90.1 has for VAV systems?

19 MR. ELEY: No, that's not part of the
20 proposal.

21 MR. McHUGH: Okay. I would just make
22 the recommendation that the Commission consider
23 looking into that, since essentially the main
24 benefit from adjustable speed drives is that
25 you're actually reducing your static pressure.

1 MR. PENNINGTON: Would it be possible,
2 Jon, for you to identify the section in 90.1 that
3 you're talking about?

4 MR. McHUGH: Certainly; I could send you
5 a citation.

6 MR. PENNINGTON: Thanks.

7 MR. ALCORN: Thanks, Jon. Ahmed,
8 question?

9 MR. AHMED: Charles, a couple questions.
10 This analysis that was done, again, was it done
11 under TDV or was it the straight analysis?

12 MR. ELEY: This is a straight analysis
13 using the \$1.37 per kilowatt hour saved.

14 MR. AHMED: The second question, is this
15 10 horsepower requirement for all fans? Because
16 there are package systems that have 10 horsepower
17 fans and their constant volume with no variations
18 in volume.

19 MR. ELEY: Not for all fans, but for all
20 variables. For all VAV fans.

21 MR. AHMED: Right, all VAV fans then.

22 MR. ELEY: Right, 10 horsepower and
23 greater. Right. I believe all the manufacturers
24 have an option for VSD on equipment at that size.

25 MR. AHMED: Right, but it's not a

1 requirement to have VSD right now in the
2 standards. All you got to meet is the efficiency
3 requirements, not the VAV requirements for package
4 systems.

5 MR. ELEY: For constant volume?

6 MR. AHMED: Right.

7 MR. ELEY: Yeah, that's still the same.

8 MR. AHMED: That still remain the same.

9 So if they choose VAV then they have to meet this
10 requirement?

11 MR. ELEY: If it's a VAV system then the
12 10 horsepower kicks in. Then they have to put in
13 VSD.

14 MR. AHMED: Okay, I just wanted to get
15 it clear.

16 MR. ALCORN: Tom Trimberger.

17 MR. TRIMBERGER: In the useful life in
18 the opening portion they say that one of the side
19 effects of VSDs is that it corrupts the power. Do
20 you put any extra hidden cost for filters or
21 anything? Is that included in your analysis?

22 MR. ELEY: We did not put in any cost
23 for the possibility that there were power quality
24 problems. I believe most of those, I mean the
25 manufacturers tell us that those problems have

1 been corrected.

2 You know, ten years ago there were some
3 definite power quality problems associated with
4 this, but the manufacturers are reporting that
5 this is not an issue anymore.

6 MR. TRIMBERGER: One more question. You
7 know, we're looking at providing this requirement
8 down to smaller motors. Typically I look at large
9 package VAV units are going to be the larger
10 motors. Do you know what percentage of them are
11 going to be between the 10 and 25 percent of the
12 market, or --

13 MR. ELEY: I think this requirement's
14 essentially going to affect all variable speed
15 systems, or all variable air volume systems. I
16 don't think there's going to be too many VAV
17 systems that are going to be less than 10
18 horsepower.

19 So, it could be, but, you know, a
20 variable air volume system is, by definition, a
21 multizone system. So you're dealing with more
22 than one thermal zone, otherwise you wouldn't do
23 it. And I think they're all going to be 10
24 horsepower or greater.

25 MR. TRIMBERGER: Yeah, because I'm

1 saying typically they're -- it's pretty easy to
2 meet even 25, but they don't get down below 10
3 very much.

4 MR. ELEY: So, in essence, this is going
5 to require VSDs from all VAVs.

6 MR. TRIMBERGER: Thank you.

7 MR. ALCORN: Thank you. Do we have any
8 more questions or comments on this presentation?

9 MR. AHMED: Just one clarification. I
10 just wanted to make a clarification that there are
11 systems, Charles, like Carrier's VVT system.
12 Sometimes some office buildings, even though they
13 may have a 10 horsepower fan in a package system,
14 they might call it a variable volume system,
15 although it is really not a true variable volume.

16 MR. ELEY: That's really a constant --

17 MR. AHMED: So will it be exempted?

18 MR. ELEY: -- volume system that you're
19 describing.

20 MR. AHMED: Right, right.

21 MR. ELEY: And this requirement would
22 not apply to that.

23 MR. AHMED: Will not be applying, okay.

24 MR. ELEY: The fan operates at a
25 constant volume in that case.

1 MR. TRIMBERGER: That might be something
2 that would be useful to mention in the manual, not
3 standards.

4 MR. ELEY: Right, I agree.

5 MR. ALCORN: John Hogan.

6 MR. HOGAN: I wanted to respond to Jon
7 McHugh's issue, the language in standard 90.1 is
8 in section 63322 and 63323. And this is for
9 whether or not there's a static pressure sensors.
10 And there's two requirements.

11 One, 63322 has the static pressure
12 sensor location, which is no greater than one-
13 third the total design static pressure. And 63323
14 has a set point reset, and says if you have DDC
15 systems then you need to reset it based on the
16 zone requiring the most pressure.

17 So we've adopted both those requirements
18 into our code in Seattle. And we would encourage
19 you to do that. And I think there certainly are
20 advantages. If you could require DDC you could
21 get great benefits from this. We didn't feel we
22 could require DDC. But more and more people are
23 doing it, so if they are doing it, it's easy to
24 take advantage of this; it's a valuable thing to
25 do.

1 I'd also like to point out that the
2 Seattle and Washington State energy codes apply
3 these VSD requirements to pumps, also. So
4 wherever the threshold is set it applies to pumps,
5 as well as fans. And I would encourage the
6 Commission to consider that, also.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, John. Are there
9 any more questions or comments on this
10 presentation?

11 Okay, seeing none and hearing none,
12 we'll move to the next presentation. It's
13 limitation on the use of lay-in insulation, and
14 Jon McHugh will be presenting.

15 MR. McHUGH: Good morning. I'm going to
16 be talking about the limitation on the use of lay-
17 in insulation in nonresidential buildings.

18 Just to clarify for anyone who's not
19 clear what a lay-in insulation is, that's
20 insulation that's laid directly on top of acoustic
21 ceiling tiles and T-bar ceilings. On the slide
22 here you see a picture of a T-bar ceiling with
23 acoustic ceiling tile.

24 Next slide, please. So, this is
25 actually part of PIER research, Public Interest

1 Energy Research funded by the California Energy
2 Commission. And one of the hypotheses was that
3 laying insulation on top of an acoustic tile
4 ceiling is not thermally equivalent to insulating
5 the roof deck of commercial buildings.

6 And this proposal would require that we
7 insulate roof decks and the side walls of plenums
8 directly below the roof deck instead of laying
9 insulation on top of a T-bar ceiling whenever the
10 plenum height, that distance between the ceiling
11 and the roof, is less than 12 feet.

12 Next slide, please. Just what we're
13 talking about in terms of ceiling locations. One
14 place that we can insulate currently that we're
15 allowed to insulate ceilings is we can actually
16 insulate T-bar ceilings directly on top of the
17 ceiling.

18 Next, please. We can insulate directly
19 underneath the roof deck. Next, please. Or we
20 can insulate directly on top of the roof deck.

21 And typically when we insulate on top of
22 the roof deck we're looking at using rigid
23 insulation; whereas the other two locations we're
24 typically using fiberglass batt insulation.

25 Next slide, please. And in the

1 discussion of the 12-foot plenum height, this is
2 what I mean by plenum height, that distance
3 between the ceiling and the roof deck.

4 Next slide, please. And so we're
5 essentially looking at the tradeoffs of -- this
6 picture here shows the conditioned space at the
7 bottom, below the dark line. And we have two ways
8 we can insulate that space. One is that we
9 insulate the entire volume of the building, so we
10 insulate the side walls; we insulate the plenum
11 side walls; and we insulate the roof deck. Or we
12 just insulate the ceiling and the side walls of
13 the conditioned space.

14 The standards would currently require
15 that we use the same level of insulation at the
16 ceiling level as we would at the roof deck. And
17 as you'll see, there's some tradeoffs between
18 doing that, because essentially the insulation
19 placed at the ceiling level tends to have more
20 defects; tends to have more infiltration. And so
21 it's not as effective as insulation placed at the
22 ceiling.

23 Next slide, please.

24 SPEAKER: At the roof and roof deck.

25 MR. MCHUGH: I'm sorry, at the roof

1 deck. So, as part of the PIER research we visited
2 13 buildings that were identified as having lay-in
3 insulation. We wanted to know, just over time,
4 does that lay-in insulation actually stay in
5 place.

6 Anecdotally, from doing prior energy
7 audits, when I've poked my head up into the
8 ceiling plenum I've seen insulation tossed on the
9 side because people access the ceiling plane to
10 work on either HVAC equipment or move around light
11 fixtures, and so the insulation gets tossed
12 around.

13 But what we didn't have was a data set
14 of insulation coverage that had been methodically
15 collected over a sample of buildings. And what we
16 found was that we found voids in insulation from a
17 high of 95 percent, so basically 95 percent of the
18 insulation missing, to a low of only 7 percent of
19 the insulation missing. So, of that ceiling
20 plane, in some cases only 7 percent of that
21 ceiling area was uncovered.

22 MR. RAYMER: What was the usual --

23 MR. MCHUGH: The usual was somewhere
24 between 10 and 40 percent. And so that was of
25 uncovered. And you look at that low of 7 percent,

1 essentially, you know, 7 to 10 percent is the
2 ceiling area that typically has troughers in
3 there, and those troughers typically are not IC
4 rated, so right off the bat essentially there's 10
5 percent that's uncovered.

6 And so if you have 7 percent coverage,
7 that means pretty much all the tile areas are
8 covered.

9 MR. WARE: John.

10 MR. McHUGH: Yes.

11 MR. WARE: I was just trying again to
12 clarify. When you said voids, 95 to 7 percent
13 difference, you're -- it's not voids in the
14 installation of the insulation, per se, but rather
15 voids in the ceiling system where insulation, such
16 as troughers, where insulation is not placed over
17 them?

18 MR. McHUGH: Well, it's both, because
19 with the 7 percent, yes, if someone has
20 consciously chosen not to insulate the troughers,
21 as they shouldn't, because of the heat buildup --

22 MR. WARE: Correct.

23 MR. McHUGH: -- but the remainder of the
24 voids are essentially missing insulation. Either
25 the insulation's been tossed over, or it wasn't

1 installed in the first place.

2 MR. WARE: And 7 to 95 percent is just a
3 subjective estimate of what was there?

4 MR. McHUGH: No, no. This was part of
5 this research; we actually had people count out
6 the ceiling tiles where insulation was missing.
7 So we actually had, you know, it was quantitative,
8 not qualitative. So we're looking at areas.

9 Next slide, please. And from these 46
10 observations there's the scatter of the data. And
11 you can see that most of the data is, you know,
12 between 10 and 50 percent. We had these two sort
13 of outlier buildings where there were just a few
14 shreds of insulation left in the buildings, old
15 building.

16 And what's actually kind of interesting
17 about this is that we were expecting to find that
18 there would be this progression of less and less
19 insulation coverage over time. And what we found
20 is that actually quite a bit of these buildings,
21 even new buildings, had a similar spread, you
22 know. That they were still clustered in that 10
23 to 40 percent of the area uncovered. So it's, I
24 think, somewhat interesting.

25 Next slide, please. We took this

1 information and we put it into a frequency
2 histogram so that we could then make use of this
3 data in terms of how we simulate a T-bar ceiling.
4 Saying essentially that there's probabilities of
5 insulation voids when lay-in insulation is used on
6 acoustic tile ceilings. And so this is what we
7 used as the basis.

8 And to the extent we were a little bit
9 conservative in that we took those two situations
10 where there was essentially hardly any insulation
11 left in the ceiling plenum and we just lumped
12 those with the other ones that were around 50
13 percent uncovered.

14 Next slide, please. The next thing we
15 did was we also looked at air infiltration across
16 the ceiling plane. And the Florida Solar Energy
17 Center has taken extensive pressure and flow
18 measurements for different building types, and
19 have published test data on the effective leakage
20 area of T-bar ceilings.

21 They're an order of magnitude higher
22 than the leakage areas that you find through
23 drywall ceilings. Shouldn't be that surprising.
24 And we used the leakage areas in the ASHRAE
25 handbook of fundamentals for the other building

1 component leakage areas. And we basically did a
2 pressure network analysis to evaluate the air
3 infiltration through T-bar ceilings.

4 Next slide, please. We used the same
5 DOE2.2 model that was also used in the analysis of
6 duct ceiling, duct insulation and used a
7 prototypical single story office space of 2000
8 square feet. And we looked at a couple different
9 conditions.

10 One was a mass wall with troughers, in
11 which case some fraction of the heat from the
12 troughers went up into the plenum. Mass wall with
13 pendant lighting; frame wall with pendant
14 lighting; and we also looked at T-bar ceilings
15 versus drywall ceilings.

16 Next slide, please. To perform the cost
17 effectiveness analysis we used the cost numbers
18 that are on the slide.

19 Next slide, please. And we also used
20 these cost numbers. Now what's interesting when
21 you look at all this, is that on this last bullet
22 that insulation under the roof deck, and not
23 insulating the plenum wall, because it turns out
24 that for mass buildings if you use a U-factor
25 method, you don't necessarily have to insulate the

1 side walls of the plenum, because it's a high mass
2 wall. And so there's lower U factors -- I'm
3 sorry, higher U factors that are maximums for the
4 U factor method.

5 When you just insulate underneath the
6 roof deck and you don't pay extra to tighten up
7 your ducts, that cost is equal to or cheaper than
8 putting lay-in insulation and tightening your
9 ducts. And you'll see why this is important as we
10 go forward.

11 Next slide, please. Now, one of the
12 other things in there, two slides earlier, shows
13 that insulation -- above-deck insulation is
14 substantially more expensive than under-deck
15 insulation. And but for our cost effectiveness
16 evaluation we only look at the below-deck
17 insulation.

18 When people choose to use above-deck
19 insulation they're doing it for other reasons,
20 such as if they want to use the plenum as a return
21 plenum; they want to have a flat substrate over
22 metal decks; or they want to have, you know,
23 there's static reasons why people put insulation
24 above decks.

25 And looking at this we thought it was

1 desirable to have, for enforceability to have a
2 single insulation position requirement for the
3 entire state, rather than having a climate zone by
4 climate zone requirement that you go across the
5 street and have a different requirement.

6 And we also thought it desirable to have
7 some flexibility to allow lay-in insulation for
8 the small conditioned offices that you find in a
9 warehouse or a manufacturing facility. So, we
10 didn't want to be Draconian, we just wanted to
11 capture the majority of the energy savings.

12 Next slide, please. So one of the first
13 things we looked at is the cost effectiveness if
14 duct sealing, because this impacts -- there's a
15 tradeoff between duct sealing and ceiling
16 insulation.

17 And what we find is that when you have
18 insulated the deck, the roof deck and the side
19 walls, that the cost effectiveness is low for
20 sealing the ducts because most of the heat loss
21 ends up in the space.

22 Whereas when we have insulation at the
23 roof deck -- or, I'm sorry -- when we have
24 insulation at the ceiling level and we don't
25 insulate the roof deck, then, as we can see here,

1 we have, you know, cost effectiveness of 3 and
2 above, or benefit/cost ratios of 3 and above. So
3 it's very cost effective to seal and insulate
4 ducts.

5 Next slide, please. This next slide
6 shows the total TDV dollar consumption of a
7 building; so this is a present valued life cycle
8 cost of energy consumption over 30 years with 3
9 percent discount rate that's the basis of TDV.
10 And that's what we see on our Y axis.

11 And on our X axis the results vary with
12 the height of the plenum. And this is in climate
13 zone 3; and this building has masonry walls.

14 And the first set of bars that we're
15 looking at is a situation where we have lay-in
16 insulation and it has tight ducts. As we saw
17 earlier, if we have lay-in insulation, tightening
18 the ducts is very cost effective.

19 So, next, please. So we compared that
20 with an insulated drywall ceiling. Substantially
21 lower energy consumption, especially at low plenum
22 heights due to the ceiling has less infiltration.
23 And because we're in climate zone 3 which is very
24 mild, you actually have this sort of non intuitive
25 effects happening where being coupled to the

1 thermal mass and the side walls actually has some
2 benefit as plenum heights increase.

3 Next. The next bar is where we have
4 insulation under the roof deck; and we've also
5 insulated the side walls of the plenum. And in
6 this situation the duct isn't tight because it's
7 just not that cost effective to do that.

8 And finally, last -- next one, please.
9 Here we actually have the side walls insulated at
10 the roof, but the side walls are uninsulated.
11 Again, there's some benefit from coupling to the
12 thermal mass in this mild climate.

13 So it's kind of interesting, you know,
14 in terms of that in some cases more insulation
15 increases your energy consumption.

16 Next slide.

17 MR. WARE: Jon, when you ran that
18 analysis, and I think from the report -- anyway,
19 my question is are you assuming a ventilated roof
20 in those last two scenarios, insulation is at the
21 roof deck?

22 MR. McHUGH: No.

23 MR. WARE: Okay, I didn't think you
24 were.

25 MR. McHUGH: That's right, you get a

1 dramatically different answer.

2 MR. WARE: Yes.

3 MR. TRIMBERGER: Jon, the plenum height
4 you defined as --

5 MR. McHUGH: Right.

6 MR. TRIMBERGER: We're not talking about
7 a return air plenum that is being used as --

8 MR. McHUGH: No, this is all ducted
9 returns.

10 MR. TRIMBERGER: Okay, so I'm just --
11 the word plenum kept throwing me off.

12 MR. McHUGH: Yeah.

13 MR. TRIMBERGER: So it's really the
14 attic height is the plenum height, as you defined
15 it, but it's really not a plenum.

16 MR. McHUGH: Right.

17 MR. PENNINGTON: We're going to have to
18 be careful with the definition of that dimension.
19 I agree.

20 SPEAKER: I'm not sure you'd want to
21 call it an attic, either.

22 MR. TRIMBERGER: Yeah, attic doesn't
23 quite do it, either.

24 MR. McHUGH: Yeah, we can work on the
25 definition.

1 MR. TRIMBERGER: But the standards
2 language is pretty -- you don't call it plenum in
3 the standards.

4 MR. McHUGH: Okay.

5 SPEAKER: Right.

6 MR. McHUGH: Okay, this is the same
7 analysis, but here we're looking at climate zone
8 12; and just the opposite of climate zone 3. When
9 you look at the last two situations where you've
10 insulated the roof deck, now if you don't insulate
11 the side walls your energy consumption increases.
12 Now you're coupled to a pretty hot outdoor climate
13 and it has a negative impact on your TDV
14 consumption.

15 The main thing to note here is that both
16 a drywall ceiling and insulating the roof deck and
17 insulating the side walls is fairly -- or TDV
18 dollar equivalent. And that in most situations
19 there's, you know, a good amount of savings from
20 going from lay-in insulation to one of these other
21 methods of insulation.

22 And that the benefit of doing this is
23 dramatically reduced as the plenum height
24 increases.

25 Next slide, please. So finally what we

1 looked at is the benefit/cost ratios. And what we
2 see here is that for climate zone 3 it's cost
3 effective to require under-deck insulation when --
4 this is when the side walls are insulated up to
5 six feet.

6 When we look at under-deck, insulating
7 underneath the roof deck, but the side walls are
8 uninsulated, well, the benefit/cost ratio is
9 infinite because the incremental cost is zero and
10 yet there's still energy savings.

11 And then finally when we look at a
12 drywall ceiling which had a similar TDV savings,
13 it has a benefit/cost ratio less than 1 just
14 because a drywall ceiling is substantially more
15 expensive than a T-bar ceiling.

16 Climate zone 12, we have similar things
17 except that insulating in locations other than T-
18 bar ceilings is cost effective for a greater range
19 of plenum heights.

20 Next slide, please. So here we're doing
21 the same kind of analysis where we looked at the
22 benefit of duct sealing. In this case the wall
23 type that we're looking at is a frame wall. And
24 again what we see is that it's very cost effective
25 above an insulated ceiling; and it's not so cost

1 effective under an insulated roof deck.

2 Next slide, please. Similar type
3 slides. Again, you see that what's interesting is
4 the frame wall now is less sensitive to plenum
5 height; and we've removed the bar where the side
6 walls were uninsulated. Because with a frame wall
7 you have to insulate the side walls when you put
8 insulation at the roof deck.

9 And so what we see is that for frame
10 walls there's less of an effect of plenum height.

11 Next slide, please. Same thing for
12 climate zone 12. Next slide, please. And when we
13 look at the benefit/cost ratio we find that for
14 all plenum heights it's very cost effective to
15 insulate the roof deck and insulate the side
16 walls. And it's not cost effective for climate
17 zone 3 to require drywall ceiling, but it is in
18 climate zone 12.

19 Next slide. So just to summarize that,
20 when it's roof insulation cost effective we found
21 that in mild climates, in climate zone 3 and 6,
22 that for mass buildings when the plenum heights
23 were less than 9 feet tall, it was cost effective.

24 For frame buildings all plenum heights,
25 //

1 roof insulation was cost effective. And in our
2 warmer climates all wall types up to 12 foot
3 plenum heights insulating the roof was cost
4 effective.

5 Next slide. So, you know, we found that
6 an insulated drywall ceiling, in general, was not
7 cost effective. It was cost effective only in
8 extreme climate zones. And the reason being is
9 that it costs significantly more than standard
10 insulated T-bar ceilings.

11 However, it had similar TDV cost
12 savings. Even though it has a higher life cycle
13 cost we think that designers should have the
14 option of using drywall. It's not cost effective
15 because of its first cost, not because of its
16 energy savings.

17 And so -- but the final bullet is is
18 that the prohibition of using insulated T-bar on
19 these lower plenum heights is based on a
20 comparison to insulated roof decks, because that's
21 the basis of the requirement to disallow lay-in
22 insulation. But nonetheless, drywall ceilings
23 should be an acceptable method of construction.

24 Next slide. Here is the proposed
25 standard language which is in the -- that you also

1 have. Essentially it says that there's two
2 situations for insulating the roof/ceiling of
3 nonresidential buildings. You either put the
4 insulation in direct contact with the top side or
5 under side of the roof deck; or you place it in
6 direct contact with a continuous ceiling that
7 forms an air barrier like your drywall ceiling.

8 And then that insulation placed on top
9 of movable ceiling tiles are deemed to have no
10 thermal effect. And then we have the exception
11 that when the height of the space between the
12 ceiling and the roof is greater than 12 feet, then
13 placing insulation on top of the ceiling tiles is
14 an acceptable method.

15 Next slide. In section 143, which is
16 the -- which defines the prescriptive requirements
17 for roof and ceiling of insulation, this just
18 essentially highlights that there's limitations on
19 where you can put the ceiling insulation --
20 there's limitations on using insulated ceilings as
21 complying with this section.

22 Next slide. And that if we're going to
23 allow drywall ceilings, you know, which the basis
24 of accepting drywall ceilings is based on their
25 lower infiltration rates, then we should also

1 require that the light fixtures that go into those
2 drywall ceilings be IC rated so that they're
3 covered with insulation and that they be low
4 leakage.

5 And that's the presentation.

6 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Jon. Are there
7 any questions or comments on the presentation?
8 Bob Raymer.

9 MR. RAYMER: Bob Raymer with CBIA. I
10 don't know if you want to go to this table, the
11 one that shows the age and uncovered percentage.
12 I think it's like the third or fourth -- yeah,
13 that one.

14 MR. MCHUGH: That's right, that's --

15 MR. RAYMER: Yeah, I would have expected
16 there to be a more clear correlation between the
17 age and the uncovered percentage. But since that
18 doesn't seem to be the case, did you notice as you
19 were doing this any type of correlation between
20 the type of commercial activity that was taking
21 place and the percentage of uncover?

22 MR. MCHUGH: That's a good question. I
23 haven't looked at that correlation, but that's a
24 good question. These were primarily --

25 MR. RAYMER: I mean, that's awful.

1 MR. McHUGH: -- retail and small offices
2 is the occupancies that you're looking at.

3 And what's, to me, which was counter-
4 intuitive was the amount of range that you found
5 in new buildings. I was hypothesizing you could
6 see this sort of a straight line that, you know,
7 as the building got older and older the insulation
8 coverage would get worse.

9 One thing in the selection process for
10 these buildings is that they were buildings that
11 had either been remodeled or constructed in the
12 last five years. So perhaps some of this
13 remodeling activity involved replacing insulation

14 MR. MAHONE: It might also just be an
15 effect of the sample size. You know, if we had a
16 lot more buildings with a lot more different
17 vintages and a lot more types of activity, you
18 might start to see a clearer print.

19 MR. RAYMER: Yeah, but you've got a huge
20 lump right there at like one, two and three years.
21 I mean that's very clear there's a problem.

22 MR. ALCORN: Tom.

23 MR. TRIMBERGER: Proposed standard
24 language as shown in the PowerPoint does not match
25 the proposed standard language in the measure

1 analysis.

2 MR. McHUGH: That's correct.

3 MR. TRIMBERGER: So, for the -- the
4 analysis says, doesn't talk -- it makes the same
5 requirement whether it is a T-bar ceiling or
6 whether it's a gypboard ceiling.

7 MR. McHUGH: Right. And this is one of
8 those things where, you know, taking a step back
9 and looking at the issues. You know, when we
10 first did the analysis, went, gosh, you know,
11 drywall ceilings are just not cost effective.

12 And in taking a step back and going,
13 well, it doesn't really matter if drywall ceilings
14 aren't cost effective; they're, you know,
15 essentially energy equivalent to the insulated
16 roof deck buildings. And given that they're
17 essentially energy equivalent, we're not in the
18 business of preventing people from building
19 expensive buildings. Our role is just to prevent
20 them from being energy inefficient.

21 So, in recognizing that I changed the
22 language between the written document and the
23 PowerPoint presentation to take account of that.

24 MR. TRIMBERGER: So is the PowerPoint
25 the one that --

1 MR. McHUGH: That's the one I'm
2 proposing, yeah.

3 MR. TRIMBERGER: -- to be going forward
4 with? Okay.

5 We have also -- you had the one case
6 where you were getting infinite benefit/cost
7 ratios.

8 MR. McHUGH: Right.

9 MR. TRIMBERGER: Is that assuming that
10 the insulation cost, you know, if you put R-19 it
11 costs the same whether you put it on the ceiling
12 or at the roof?

13 MR. McHUGH: Well, it's actually two
14 things. One is that it costs a little bit more to
15 put the insulation up on the roof than it does
16 just draping them over the tiles. But, in
17 addition, there is a cost of duct tightening.

18 So when we're looking at lay-in
19 insulation, we found that the benefit/cost ratio
20 of tightening ducts above lay-in ceilings was, you
21 know, fantastic; you know, typically 5 or
22 something, you know, 3 to 7, or whatever the
23 number was. That given that that's very cost
24 effective that we use that as the comparison for
25 comparing drywall ceilings with tight ducts versus

1 insulated roof decks with loose ducts.

2 Because we also found that tightening
3 ducts under insulated roof decks wasn't very cost
4 effective, or marginally cost effective. So,
5 given that, that was our base for our comparison.

6 When you do that you find that the cost
7 of tightening the ducts and putting in the lay-in
8 insulation is essentially equivalent; I think it
9 was a penny more per square foot. So essentially
10 equivalent. So there's essentially no cost.

11 So there's energy savings divided by
12 essentially zero. So that's why we had an
13 infinite benefit/cost ratio.

14 MR. TRIMBERGER: Okay. So, but the --
15 so you did look at the cost of putting in
16 insulation up to 25 feet and attaching it to the
17 joists, roof joists, it is higher than just
18 sticking the same insulation on ceiling tiles?

19 MR. MCHUGH: No, no, it's about 30 cents
20 cheaper to just drop in the lay-in insulation.

21 MR. TRIMBERGER: Another issue that
22 comes up in construction a lot, and you know, you
23 kind of got to look why are people doing it this
24 way. Well, T-bar ceiling is very quick to put up;
25 it's easy to put up. It's flexible.

1 And additionally, with the insulation at
2 the roof deck to put that in that later the trades
3 will come on and they're going to be attaching to
4 the joists for their hangers, for heating, air,
5 plumbing, fire sprinklers, electricians and
6 everything, that after the fact they've got to go
7 in and do repair to that.

8 They'll insulate the ceiling before the
9 hangers go up; all the work goes in. And in the
10 process it gets mangled a lot and there is repair
11 there.

12 That's been one of the things that I've
13 had people come to me about and say, Tom, you
14 know, we don't want to come in and do the roof
15 deck now. Can we do it later. How will we do
16 that.

17 So, that's just one of the kind of
18 hidden costs of insulating at the roof ducts.

19 MR. ALCORN: Thanks, Tom. Ahmed, did
20 you have any questions?

21 MR. AHMED: Yeah, --

22 MR. PENNINGTON: Before we go there,
23 Tom, what is your overall view of this proposal?

24 MR. TRIMBERGER: In a lot of ways it --
25 overall view. I don't get that question very

1 often, thank you.

2 SPEAKER: Be careful.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. TRIMBERGER: Yeah, there's got to be
5 a reason you asked me that.

6 SPEAKER: He's been going to too many
7 Building Standards Commission meetings.

8 (Laughter.)

9 MR. TRIMBERGER: This is something that
10 the Commission tried to do years ago in a
11 standards change. And the industry was so
12 entrenched in doing it that they pushed to keep
13 doing it.

14 I guess now that research is done, it
15 seems more do-able. It seems like a no-brainer to
16 do it. It's going to cost more to build the
17 building, but you're going to get a better
18 building.

19 It's going to take a little longer to
20 build a building, and time is very important to
21 people. There will be resistance to this.

22 And one of the enforcement issues I see
23 is in remodels is we got these things all over the
24 place. So you can have a shopping center at a
25 little strip mall where you've got one section

1 that's insulated at the roof, and the next one's
2 in the ceiling, and one's at the roof.

3 There are problems, and maybe some of
4 that can be addressed in the manual, say, you
5 know, we're not trying to create retroactivity.
6 We do need to look at the insulation locations in
7 adjacent spaces.

8 The numbers bear out, it's kind of
9 intuitive, that you know, T-bar ceilings leak.
10 You go up there and you look down at them and you
11 can see the light coming through. It's absolute.
12 It's not really a good envelope material.

13 But then how do you enforce that and get
14 that fixed? So, I think it's a good measure. It
15 may have a little bit of language in the manual
16 that might clarify some things.

17 MR. ALCORN: Thanks. Doug, did you want
18 to respond to that?

19 MR. MAHONE: Yeah, I was just going to
20 point out it seems to me that once you got the
21 insulation up there at the roof deck that all the
22 future changes that you want to make in the
23 ceilings and the lighting and the ducts, wiring
24 above the plenum or above the ceiling and all that
25 becomes easier because you don't have the

1 insulation in the way.

2 MR. TRIMBERGER: Right, but if you've
3 got the existing building where it's at the
4 ceiling, how are yo going to do alterations, and
5 to what extent do the alterations come in?

6 Typically they'll tear out the whole
7 ceiling; they'll put in a new T-bar, and it's two
8 feet higher. Well, are you going to insulate that
9 space at the roof? It doesn't make sense if the
10 other spaces are still insulated at the ceiling.

11 MR. RAYMER: Yeah, I agree. For new
12 construction this is going to give sort of the
13 incentive to take to look at your exterior
14 envelope and to take care of it at time of
15 construction.

16 He's got a legitimate concern, though.
17 When you've got that 20 or 30 year old building,
18 you've --

19 MR. TRIMBERGER: Or a one year old
20 building.

21 MR. RAYMER: Yeah, yeah. And all of a
22 sudden if that's been out there, built under the
23 old regulations, you don't want to have a patch of
24 insulation here and a patch of insulation over
25 there, and then one down here. You have to

1 address that.

2 But I think this will promote taking
3 care of the envelope at time of construction.

4 MR. TRIMBERGER: Yeah, I think there's
5 also, once people realize what's going on, if
6 we're looking at nonresidential duct tightness,
7 that's a strongly related issue that Jon
8 mentioned. That would be a strong incentive to
9 insulate at the ceilings that way.

10 MR. ALCORN: Right, okay, --

11 MR. TRIMBERGER: And also probably
12 something in the manual or standards, too, about
13 attic ventilation, too, changes when you can't put
14 your turbine vents up there in the ceiling; can't
15 have your ventilated attic that's common practice
16 now, too.

17 MR. PENNINGTON: That is a concern that
18 came up in doing this work, is, you know, if you
19 get the insulation installed at the roof you don't
20 want that plenum space ventilated, and are people
21 going to ventilate it because they think it's
22 absolutely needed for some reason; or they're not
23 paying attention; or whatever. And so they can
24 disrupt what's being attempted here.

25 MR. TRIMBERGER: I think there's some

1 building code requirements for ventilation; I'm
2 not sure exactly how they kick in. But trying to
3 avoid mold and mildew issues in attics from
4 deteriorating the structural members.

5 MR. ELEY: I think it comes down to the
6 definition of an attic. And we don't want to call
7 this an attic.

8 MR. TRIMBERGER: Right, we don't want to
9 call it a plenum; we don't want to call it an
10 attic.

11 MR. ELEY: Because if we call it an
12 attic then the code says the attic has to be
13 ventilated.

14 MR. TRIMBERGER: Right.

15 MR. WARE: Right, I was actually going
16 to talk to that issue, but --

17 MR. ALCORN: Okay. Ahmed.

18 MR. AHMED: Just a comment. I was
19 wondering, it was kind of difficult to understand
20 the graphs. Is tight ducts going to be a
21 requirement for nonres buildings; and should this
22 analysis be done with the assumption of tight
23 ducts is already there instead of assuming the
24 benefit of the tight ducts are part of the
25 benefits here?

1 I was trying to understand this, maybe
2 you can explain this.

3 MR. McHUGH: Sure. And this is one of
4 those things where the different proposals are
5 very tightly interrelated because you get
6 different answers depending on what happens with
7 the ducts.

8 And that's also why I kind of re-
9 presented some of the information about duct
10 typing in this presentation, to point out the
11 rationale of why we're preparing T-bar ceilings or
12 insulated drywall ceilings with tight ducts versus
13 insulating at the roof deck with loose ducts.

14 You know, the main conclusion when you
15 look at all those cost/benefit tables is that it's
16 not cost effective to tighten ducts, or marginally
17 cost effective to tighten ducts underneath an
18 insulated roof deck; but it's very cost effective
19 to tighten ducts above an insulated ceiling.

20 MR. AHMED: No, I wasn't concerned about
21 that.

22 MR. McHUGH: Okay.

23 MR. AHMED: I understand that.

24 MR. McHUGH: So that's the basis of the
25 analysis to do the comparison. So, comparing --

1 when I compared T-bar ceilings to insulated roof
2 decks I'm comparing a T-bar ceiling, you know,
3 essentially an attic; that attic is ventilated.
4 And it has tight ducts.

5 Now, comparing that against a building
6 that has an insulated roof deck and ducts aren't
7 sealed because it's not that cost effective to do
8 that.

9 MR. AHMED: It's almost like as if
10 you're counting the benefits of the tight ducts in
11 the analysis --

12 MR. MCHUGH: Actually -- actually --

13 MR. AHMED: -- and that's --

14 MR. MCHUGH: -- I'm discounting the
15 benefit of tight ducts, --

16 MR. AHMED: Okay.

17 MR. MCHUGH: -- right? Because the
18 thing that I'm looking at, looking at the cost
19 effectiveness of, I have it with leaky ducts.
20 It's going to be even more cost effective if --
21 well, it's going to be less cost effective because
22 tightening ducts in those situations isn't very
23 cost effective, right.

24 So the savings are less, but the costs
25 are also less because I haven't tightened up those

1 ducts.

2 MR. ALCORN: Bob.

3 MR. RAYMER: Just a question on the
4 references here, on your mandatory requirements
5 for recessed lighting in continuous ceilings.

6 You make a reference to ICBO. And
7 starting in January it's my understanding that the
8 codevelopment and publication aspects of ICBO will
9 have been merged formally with Southern and BOCA.
10 it'll be called International Code Council.

11 I'm not aware if ICBO -- I think ICBO is
12 going to maintain a testing and certification
13 process, their evaluation process that everybody's
14 so familiar with. But the laboratories, I think
15 you may want to look at changing the reference
16 from ICBO to ICC.

17 MR. MCHUGH: Okay.

18 MR. RAYMER: Because we're looking at
19 something that will be taking place in 2005.

20 MR. MCHUGH: Sure.

21 MR. ALCORN: Where are you looking, Bob?

22 MR. RAYMER: This is the next-to-the-
23 last --, which is -- this is the last page.

24 MR. MCHUGH: The last page.

25 MR. RAYMER: Yeah. Second bullet, last

1 line.

2 MR. ELEY: Well, this is an issue
3 throughout the standards. Is ICC going to kind of
4 renumber everything, and should we start making
5 references to ICC documents everywhere we now
6 reference ICBO?

7 MR. RAYMER: That may be irrelevant.

8 MR. WARE: Well, it's not quite as
9 crystal clear, unfortunately. Bob is correct,
10 ICBO has formally entered into an agreement with
11 ICC. They have been hold-outs. But that
12 agreement is in writing and will be formalized
13 soon, if not already formalized.

14 And the evaluation service that
15 currently ICBO administers will be formally
16 wrapped under the national evaluation service.
17 ICBO will continue and all the remodel code groups
18 will continue to basically administer, you might
19 say, instead of their program, the NES program.

20 But the issue is in 2005 California
21 still may have not adopted the ICC building code,
22 but nevertheless the testing criteria for products
23 and materials will by then certainly be wrapped
24 under ICC procedure.

25 So I think someone needs to take a look

1 and scratch their head over the references in the
2 standards, because by 2005 many of those
3 references will no longer be in existence.

4 MR. RAYMER: I don't want to go too far
5 down this road, but there's also the curious
6 circumstance that we're under. Starting in
7 October the Building Standards Commission will
8 begin conducting a series of meetings to look at
9 what building and fire codes they're going to be
10 using in the year 2005. And that is which of the
11 national codes.

12 Theoretically, I mean hypothetically
13 it's possible that California won't be using any
14 ICC code. It's possible we could be using three
15 starting in 2005. But we're not going to know
16 that for probably I'd say six to eight months at
17 least.

18 MR. PENNINGTON: Maybe we won't know
19 that before we adopt these standards.

20 MR. ELEY: That's what I'm wondering.

21 MR. RAYMER: Right.

22 MR. ALCORN: Dave.

23 MR. WARE: I have a series of comments
24 that I'd like to make. But first of all, just let
25 me say Owens Corning has reserved support for

1 what's being proposed here.

2 MR. McHUGH: All right.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. McHUGH: Thank you.

5 MR. WARE: Okay. The first item,
6 actually it's in the report, beginning with page
7 27, on the environmental impact, and also, Jon,
8 you made a reference in the early part of your
9 presentation on the environmental impact regarding
10 the possible exposure to respiratory hazards of
11 inhaling fiberglass. I would ask that that be
12 removed. There is no scientific research to
13 support human exposure to glass fibers as being a
14 hazard.

15 And in addition, this year the World
16 Health Organization removed their classification
17 of glass fiber as a possible carcinogen to a --
18 I'm not getting the words right, but anyway,
19 removed that classification.

20 So, I would ask that that be, at least
21 the wording, if nothing else, be couched somewhat
22 differently than that. Because there is no
23 science to support that.

24 I do understand the heightened concern
25 that people have these days regarding

1 environmental issues, but that statement simply
2 isn't true.

3 Also on page 28 you talk about using
4 Sacramento, Stockton and Vallejo to average costs.
5 I'm just curious why, if nothing else, why you
6 chose three cities that are so near to each other.
7 And I would guess not necessarily have too much
8 differences in cost.

9 There's no southern California cities,
10 for instance. It's the first time I've seen
11 anyone pick on the City of Vallejo to use as a
12 reference, not that it should matter. But I was
13 just kind of curious. You just chose three
14 northern California ones as opposed to at least
15 making an attempt to look at something other than
16 up here in this part of the state.

17 MR. MCHUGH: Well, that's a good
18 question and -- go ahead. Was there anything
19 else?

20 MR. WARE: Yeah. Some of my comments,
21 I'm sure, is not going to change the analysis, but
22 I'm just kind of curious, just more to make it
23 robust and explain some of the underlying issues.

24 On page 30 there's a ranking of the
25 insulation longevity by your interviewees, and

1 again I don't expect the ranking at all to impact
2 the results; but it does seem that these are, you
3 know, really only had two interviewees out of the
4 five that, you know, you talked to that made an
5 attempt to talk about the longevity and
6 guesstimate what the longevity of the insulation
7 systems would be.

8 I provided the Commission, as well, my
9 ranking of those. And I don't purport that my
10 ranking holds any more merit than these people.
11 That's all I'm saying.

12 MR. McHUGH: We didn't use this in the
13 analysis.

14 MR. WARE: Yeah, I --

15 MR. McHUGH: It's background
16 information.

17 MR. WARE: On page 31 it talks about the
18 phone interviews. Basically you were trying to
19 identify the number of, or get some qualitative
20 estimate of the number of insulated dropped
21 ceilings that you have. And I think that they're
22 out in the marketplace.

23 And what we did is I made a call to a
24 number of our Owens Corning contractors. Your
25 statement here is about 10 percent of the

1 buildings have lay-in insulation. We actually
2 find, at least from our contractors, that about 40
3 percent of their work in these kinds of buildings
4 is in installing insulation over horizontal
5 dropped ceilings.

6 Again, that doesn't necessarily change
7 the results that you have reported, but it implies
8 that there's a lot more dropped ceilings that are
9 being insulated possibly in the marketplace than
10 your data has. Again, that's just another piece
11 of information.

12 MR. MAHONE: Just a clarification, Dave.
13 You're saying that 40 percent of the work that
14 these contractors do involves insulation on the
15 ceilings or that 40 percent of ceilings are having
16 lay-in insulation?

17 MR. WARE: Forty percent of the ceilings
18 in this building type are having insulated dropped
19 ceilings.

20 MR. MCHUGH: And building type being
21 small commercial.

22 MR. WARE: Yeah, small -- I was very
23 specific to make sure we're talking about the same
24 building type. Oftentimes framed small offices or
25 tilt-up warehouse office type buildings. A lot of

1 drop-in insulated ceilings.

2 A series of pages from 39 to almost 42
3 or more you used -- the issue here is that you are
4 beginning to analyze the effects of different
5 insulation types and different scenarios, plenums,
6 you know, above roof deck, below roof deck. And
7 you're using foil-faced insulation.

8 It doesn't affect the results, the
9 conclusions that you're getting at, but foil is
10 rarely used. That is the exception to what's used
11 in the marketplace.

12 And I raise that because you specify an
13 emissivity or because foil is used, it affects the
14 resistance emissivity qualities of the material.
15 Probably isn't going to make a difference on the
16 results, but foil, again, is rarely used. It's
17 usually a foil scrim; it's a nonreflective
18 surface; low vapor retarder; low therm rating
19 material if it's exposed or sun-faced. For
20 whatever it's worth.

21 And I guess that's primarily the major
22 comments on the report. Oh, last -- yeah, before
23 I get into the actual code language, the issue on,
24 starts on page 44, and it goes all the way through
25 the end until you get to the actual proposed code

1 language, the issue of ventilated roofs versus non
2 ventilated roofs, the code language says that you
3 have to install the installation against the roof
4 deck.

5 I think what we need to clarify, also
6 with Tom, the issue of what the code says when it
7 talks about the ventilation requirement. The
8 ventilation requirement, and Charles alluded to
9 it, it talks about attics, and it also uses the
10 word rafters.

11 I would say, and I get questions on this
12 issue all the time, this could be a loose cannon
13 in respect to many building officials require a
14 ventilated roof for everything. Okay, for
15 commercial buildings and for residential
16 structures, as well. I don't mean high rise
17 commercial; you know, these kinds of building
18 types. These kinds of commercial buildings that
19 we're talking about here.

20 Usually if I, or if I explain the
21 nomenclature in the semantics of the code it uses
22 the term attic; this is not an attic typically.
23 And it uses the terms rafters. Rafters are
24 typically not found in commercial structures.
25 That's a squishy thing.

1 But, I think that you have to be careful
2 and insure, I don't know, maybe you could at least
3 float this language around building officials a
4 little bit more to get some feeling from whether
5 they understand what's being proposed here, and
6 are not going to impose the ventilation
7 requirement that's in the building code for these
8 kinds of commercial buildings.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: We would really like to
10 clarify this issue because, you know, a bunch of
11 our savings gets disabled if that ventilation
12 occurs. And so we were thinking that we would
13 clarify that it's inappropriate to be ventilating
14 if you're insulating at the roof.

15 MR. MAHONE: Yeah, you see the
16 construction all the time in retail and big box
17 where there'll be some kind of truss system;
18 there'll be what I'll call perlins rather than
19 rafters --

20 MR. WARE: Perlins, yes.

21 MR. MAHONE: -- spanning between the
22 trusses. And there will be faced insulation
23 stapled up between those perlins. And unless
24 there's something going on that I'm not aware of,
25 there's no ventilation occurring above that

1 insulation.

2 Nor is there typically any ventilation
3 of the whole space below it, other than the, you
4 know, the people ventilation.

5 MR. WARE: That's correct, I mean I see
6 that all the time and I have letters that say that
7 those kinds of perlings don't constitute a rafter
8 as one would colloquially define. I've worked
9 this issue to death.

10 Nevertheless, there are building
11 officials that will say I don't care. I want, I'm
12 concerned about durability; that is what this
13 section of the code deals with; my interpretation
14 is that you ventilate it.

15 So it then goes back to the designer to
16 figure out, scratch his head and figure out, now,
17 how in the heck am I going to do that.

18 So, the issue here is I think we need,
19 if nothing else there needs to be a piece in the
20 design manual and/or in the blueprint, at some
21 point, that says that that section of the code
22 doesn't apply to these kinds of structures.

23 MR. PENNINGTON: I think it's a good
24 idea to try to resolve this ahead of time to the
25 extent that that's possible with building

1 officials.

2 MR. WARE: My last issue has to do with
3 the actual code language; it's both in the main
4 document, but if we pick on the code language that
5 actually Jon is proposing, section 118G or 125,
6 the last sentence says: Insulation placed on top
7 of moveable ceiling tiles shall be deemed to not
8 have no effect on envelope heat loss.

9 Actually I don't think that that -- I
10 think that that entire sentence should be removed.
11 It adds nothing to the requirement. And it is not
12 necessarily a mandatory piece of required words.
13 It's just saying that, you know, it's a design
14 manual kind of thing.

15 The requirement is that here's where you
16 install your insulation and these two things. And
17 that's all that needs to be said.

18 Because, I mean -- anyway. That
19 sentence doesn't add anything. It actually
20 confuses what the requirement is. Oh, you mean I
21 have to think about the dropped ceiling.

22 MR. McHUGH: I think, well, when I read
23 it I thought it clarified that indeed that laying
24 in insulation would not be given any credit. I
25 thought it was clarifying; whether it needs to be

1 in the manual, I don't really have a problem with.
2 That was the thought behind it.

3 MR. TRIMBERGER: Excuse me. So the
4 intent was to say that the moveable ceiling tiles
5 do not create a continuous ceiling that forms an
6 air barrier?

7 MR. RAYMER: Right. Yeah, for energy
8 purposes, won't get credit for this. You may want
9 to put something in there for sound, but you're
10 not going to get energy credits.

11 MR. MCHUGH: Yeah, exactly.

12 MR. MAHONE: Yeah, I think Tom's
13 suggestion is may be a better way to write it,
14 because it basically amplifies on point number
15 two, rather than bringing in this effect on
16 envelope heat loss term.

17 And by extension the exception says that
18 it's acceptable to have insulation on the moving
19 ceiling tiles if the plenum height, although the
20 term is better defined here as more than 12 feet,
21 and by extension therefore it's not acceptable if
22 it's less than 12 feet.

23 MR. WARE: Anyway, that was my
24 suggestion on that code piece; just to clarify
25 that. You folks can do what you wish.

1 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Dave. Marshall.

2 MR. HUNT: Thank you. Marshall Hunt,
3 PG&E. This is all looking good. I would, just
4 for simplicity, wonder if we couldn't, even though
5 the analysis supports this, but if we couldn't
6 just drop the 12 foot rule because i'm thinking
7 that's just another point to have to argue about.
8 And how many times are there really buildings that
9 are that tall. I've seen tilt-ups that go up 20
10 feet, but I just hate to be in Tom's shoes or
11 anybody building official's shoes and have to
12 argue about six inches here or a foot there, or
13 even two feet.

14 The tenants change, come and go. And
15 what would happen if we just dropped this
16 exception and just made things simple. And just
17 left that 12 foot rule slide and said that we just
18 didn't have an exception.

19 MR. TRIMBERGER: One thing that came to
20 mind, too, is you've got, you know, the roof deck
21 is not constant, but it slopes for, you know, and
22 you've got to look at your -- you know, on one
23 side of the building it's going to be greater than
24 12; and the other side's less than 12; what's the
25 average.

1 You've got one that's 21 feet roof
2 height. Put the dropped ceiling in at 9 feet;
3 oops, can't do that. You put the dropped ceiling
4 at 10 feet, you're scot-free. So, it does -- but
5 then you got to tighten the ducts, so it does
6 create another level of complexity.

7 MR. HUNT: I think we're trying to bend
8 over backwards being fair and it seems to me
9 sometimes we just have, for simplicity of
10 enforcement, to say that this is close enough to
11 being the right answer. Most often for simplicity
12 of enforcement we just say this is the answer.
13 And we don't worry about the feet.

14 MR. MCHUGH: I guess this question is
15 kind of directed at Tom, but what do you
16 anticipate the response being when you've got a
17 situation where you have an industrial building,
18 you know they have several offices in there.
19 They'd like to put T-bar in there. And the
20 requirement would be no, you either got to put a
21 drywall ceiling in, or you got to insulate your
22 whole roof deck.

23 MR. PENNINGTON: Well, I think that
24 scenario, there's another scenario there, and that
25 is that you have to extend the walls of that space

1 up to the roof. And then insulate the roof above
2 that space and the walls.

3 MR. TRIMBERGER: Right, it's very
4 common. You've got a large warehouse area, and
5 they'll build a small office area, sales area. Or
6 they'll add on to that sales area.

7 MR. RAYMER: Military base.

8 MR. TRIMBERGER: And you turned me off,
9 Bob.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. TRIMBERGER: Typically they'll want
12 to put on a dropped ceiling, and the exterior
13 walls just go up to ten feet and then it's bare
14 space there. That's not a really attractive
15 construction from an energy component.

16 I would not expect them to insulate the
17 whole roof of the space, but they could run those
18 walls up. And sometimes it is 40 feet up. It's
19 not uncommon.

20 MR. ELEY: That's probably a case where
21 it would be cost effective to put in a drywall
22 ceiling.

23 MR. TRIMBERGER: Yeah.

24 (Laughter.)

25 MR. PENNINGTON: Relative to insulating

1 the walls --

2 MR. ELEY: Relative to extending the
3 walls to --

4 MR. PENNINGTON: Relative to installing
5 the insulation on the T-bar, it's not cost
6 effective based on the results of this analysis.

7 MR. ELEY: Well, yeah. I think the real
8 question is the T-bar ceiling is really not a
9 thermal barrier of any kind. So, one fundamental
10 tenet of the code is to require that conditioned
11 spaces be surrounded by thermal barriers, and it's
12 not a thermal barrier.

13 MR. ALCORN: Doug.

14 MR. MAHONE: Yeah. Jon has actually
15 spent a lot of time grappling with this issue. I
16 mean this is the problem: You got a big warehouse
17 and there's a little space in there and they want
18 to just put in a T-bar ceiling and plunk some
19 insulation on top of it.

20 The 12-foot number, you know, it could
21 be 10 feet, it could be 14 feet, pick a number;
22 but it was intended to address this case where
23 you've got a relatively small portion of the space
24 that's conditioned; the rest of it is
25 unconditioned.

1 For awhile we thought about limiting it
2 to a, you know, if it's 1000 square feet or
3 smaller. Bigger than that they have to run the
4 walls up to the ceiling and insulate it up at the
5 roof.

6 There's variations that we played around
7 with, but it seemed clear that we had to have some
8 kind of an exception to deal with those
9 conditions. It's fairly common. And, you know,
10 you just get laughed at if you say insulate the
11 entire roof deck.

12 So, this is the compromise that after
13 thinking about it a lot seemed to be the most
14 straightforward way to do the compromise.
15 Basically says yeah, you can put the insulation on
16 the T-bar ceilings, but you have to tighten the
17 ducts. And you can only do it if it's one of
18 these big spaces with a lot of plenum up there.

19 So that's why it came out this way.
20 Seemed, after a lot of thought, to be the most
21 reasonable compromise.

22 MR. ALCORN: Dave.

23 MR. WARE: In that scenario, Doug, that
24 you just explained where indeed you may have an
25 internal office in a warehouse, and so the most,

1 you know, supposedly the most cost effective way
2 to deal with that is the drop ceiling, insulated.

3 The requirement says that you also, if
4 you do that, then -- or the proposed requirement,
5 that you also have to tighten the ducts. And then
6 my question is do you also have to run wall
7 insulation all the way up to the ceiling, or just
8 to the plane of the --

9 MR. MAHONE: Just to the plane of the T-
10 bar ceiling.

11 MR. WARE: -- of the ceiling, okay. All
12 right.

13 MR. MAHONE: The alternative is to run
14 walls all the way up to the roof and insulate
15 those walls. Those actually, under the code, are
16 demising walls. You only need R-11 insulation in
17 demising walls.

18 MR. WARE: Okay, well --

19 MR. MAHONE: In that case you would not
20 have to tighten the ducts.

21 MR. WARE: Okay. Last comment. You're
22 using the term air barrier here, and it's also
23 come up in some of the residential installation
24 protocols. Air barrier is not defined, to my
25 understanding, in the code. And I would suggest

1 that you define that, particularly if it's going
2 to be referenced in the code language like this.

3 MR. TRIMBERGER: Oh, yeah.

4 MR. WARE: You'd better define what that
5 is.

6 MR. ALCORN: Okay. Thanks, Dave. Tom.

7 MR. TRIMBERGER: I just want to echo
8 that, that that would be an excellent definition
9 to put in there.

10 Have we looked at all about, you know,
11 not all T-bars are the same, but you can get the
12 one-hour T-bar where it's more substantial, the
13 panel is thicker, it's heavier. And the panels
14 actually clip in and are mechanically held
15 together. I don't know that they're gasketed, but
16 that was one -- when we tried once in the past to
17 look at making a change to the energy standards to
18 eliminate lay-in ceiling insulation, that
19 ballasting, that was something that people had
20 proposed.

21 Did you get a chance to look at that at
22 all?

23 MR. MCHUGH: The infiltration
24 information is very minimal and the only published
25 reports I could find in the United States were

1 FSAC, and so it's a limited sample size. And I
2 bet that it doesn't have any of what you're
3 talking about.

4 MR. ALCORN: Are there any additional
5 comments or questions on this topic?

6 Okay, seeing none and hearing none let's
7 go ahead and take a break for lunch. If we could
8 meet back at 1:00, that's an hour and six or seven
9 minutes from now, that would be great.

10 Thanks much.

11 (Whereupon, at 11:55 a.m., the workshop
12 was adjourned, to reconvene at 1:00
13 p.m., this same day.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:07 p.m.

MR. ALCORN: I hope you all had a good lunch; I think most of us were in one location. The next report is the cool roof update, and Hashem Akbari will be presenting this report, so, Hashem.

DR. AKBARI: Thank you for the opportunity. May I have the slides, please.

As it is known that this particular work is being supported by PG&E to California Institute for Energy Efficiency. And many people, including a lot of staff at the Commission, have helped us to come where we are.

Next slide, please. Before proceeding with the details of what we're going to be discussing today I would like to apologize for a couple of errors that are on the report. There are about five entries on pages 18 and 19 and 16 of the posted report that are mislabeled. And with this slide I'm hoping that it will be corrected.

Basically the mislabeling is talking about time dependent net present value versus the non time dependent net present values.

1 Next slide, please. In the presentation
2 that we had on May 30th basically two major
3 comments were raised. One of them was how about
4 downsizing and the impact of the downsizing of the
5 air conditioning equipment.

6 Typically cool roofs reduce the sizing
7 of the air conditioners by about a quarter of
8 kilowatt per thousand square foot of roof area.
9 And the Commissioner Rosenfeld was particularly
10 interested to understand whether we are including
11 those cost savings in the report. In this
12 particular version of the report that we have we
13 have responded to that comment.

14 Secondly, there was a comment regarding
15 application of seasonal energy efficiency 12 for
16 air conditioning equipment versus an EER of 10.
17 SEER 12 typically applies to small residential
18 units. And really doesn't apply to the analysis
19 that we have done for commercial buildings here.

20 However, we run the simulations with EER
21 rather than SEER 12 for all these scenarios; and
22 the results are available, but they are not
23 reported in this particular report.

24 Going forward -- oh, let me also mention
25 that there was a comment, and that their comment

1 was to provide some guideline of savings for
2 reroofing application. As we all know, the life
3 of the roofs are a lot shorter than the life of
4 the buildings, so a building through its lifetime
5 would be reroofed several times. So we also
6 addressed and responded to that comment.

7 This slide shows the net present value
8 of energy savings alone ordered by the 16 climate
9 zones in California. And basically, as you will
10 see here, both the present value time dependent
11 and the non time dependent values for all climate
12 zones except climate zone 1, are above \$200 per
13 thousand square foot of roof area.

14 For climate zone 1, which is a very
15 small climate, coastal zone in the northern part
16 of California, that number is around \$100 per
17 thousand square foot of roof area.

18 Next, please. Once we include the
19 impact of the savings in downsizing of the air
20 conditioning equipment we would find out that even
21 for climate zone 1, we are approaching a saving of
22 about \$200 per thousand square foot of roof area.

23 And typically for a reroofing
24 application if one applies the same technology,
25 only changes the color, there is no incremental

1 cost for having a light colored roof versus a dark
2 colored roof. So it appears that this particular
3 measures are cost effective throughout all the
4 regions in California. And that's the reason that
5 we would like to recommend the standards to use
6 reflective roof as a basecase for, or prescriptive
7 case for the flat roof buildings.

8 Next one, please. Once we estimate the
9 savings in California it is projected that about
10 72 million square feet of flat roof, commercial
11 flat roof, or nonresidential flat roofs will be
12 built every year, the net present value of all the
13 electricity saving -- the net value of all the
14 electricity saving is about \$23 million per year.
15 And once you include the impact of the downsizing
16 of the equipment, that would be about \$27 million.

17 We would be saving about 15 gigawatt
18 hours of electricity per year. There will be a
19 deficit of about 200 kilotherms per year by having
20 additional heating requirement.

21 Next, please. It is hard to find out
22 the exact amount of the roof areas that are
23 changed every year. According to some data that
24 we have we find out that in California the amount
25 of the reroofing of the existing roof is about

1 three times more than the new roofs.

2 So we just basically applied that same
3 ratio in order to get an estimate for the
4 reroofing market. And we are finding out in the
5 reroofing market the present value of all the
6 savings is about \$79 million a year, and peak
7 power demand saving is in the order of 26
8 megawatt. And we would be also saving about 43
9 gigawatt hour of electricity per year.

10 And with that slide, I would like to
11 conclude my comments, and I would be happy to
12 answer any questions.

13 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Hashem. Do we
14 have any questions on this presentation? One,
15 Randall.

16 MR. HIGA: Randall Higa, Southern
17 California Gas Company. I was just curious how
18 the heat loss is calculated. My understanding is
19 DOE2 doesn't calculate the, or can't take into
20 account the -- well, maybe the question is -- I'll
21 just ask it. How is it calculated? What is it
22 based on?

23 DR. AKBARI: We used DOE2, and DOE2 does
24 have the -- DOE2 version 2.1E, it does have the
25 capability of including the roof absorptance or

1 reflectivity into the calculations. And we run
2 the basecase with the standard reflectivity or
3 absorptivity. And we ran the modified case. And
4 it calculates both the cooling energy savings and
5 heating energy penalties.

6 MR. HIGA: Okay, so the heat loss isn't
7 a function of emissivity, then? Or is it?

8 DR. AKBARI: In this calculations the
9 emissivity has not been changed. But even once we
10 include the impact of the emissivity, DOE2 can
11 also do the calculations.

12 Perhaps the ones that are available in
13 the market are not yet addressing the issue of the
14 emissivity, but the research version that we have
15 does have that capability.

16 MR. HIGA: Okay. I had a couple
17 questions regarding that. One is if you want to,
18 say, exceed Title 24 and you had a higher
19 emissivity, whether that could be taken into
20 account. And I guess at least the way the model
21 is now it can't take that into account.

22 And the other question is if it's only
23 looking at reflectivity/absorptivity then I guess
24 you're considering the stored heat in the roofing
25 system to offset or I should say -- well, let me

1 flip it around the other way.

2 With a cool roof you have less
3 absorptivity, less heat stored in the roof, and
4 therefore your heating load is higher. Is that a
5 correct statement? I'm just trying to understand
6 how the heating load increases with a higher
7 reflectivity roof.

8 DR. AKBARI: Let me make a couple of
9 comments. Number one, in this analysis the
10 emissivity has not been changed. The emissivity
11 of both reflective roof and nonreflective roof are
12 high. So there is no variation in emissivity.

13 Number two, there are some winter days
14 that the sun, it's sunny, and having a higher
15 reflectivity would not necessarily help
16 particularly in the early morning hours.

17 So when DOE2 does the hourly calculation
18 it estimates the balance of the energy either in
19 the form of the heating or cooling that it is
20 required on an hour-by-hour basis. So there are
21 some hours of the year that having lower
22 reflectivity would require more heating.

23 And when you collect all of those
24 numbers for the prototype buildings that we have
25 calculated, you come up to about 200 kBtu per

1 thousand square foot on an annual basis.

2 MR. HIGA: Okay, I think I understand.
3 Thank you.

4 DR. AKBARI: My pleasure.

5 MR. ALCORN: Tom Trimberger.

6 MR. TRIMBERGER: Hashem, I know this is
7 just an update on a previous description, the cool
8 roofs program. My understanding is that this was
9 an addition to the prescriptive requirements, is
10 that how this is going to be put in, not as a
11 mandatory measure but as a prescriptive
12 requirement, is that correct?

13 DR. AKBARI: My understanding is that it
14 is a prescriptive requirement. Previously, the
15 previous standard that we had, it was not part of
16 the prescriptive, only the overall envelope
17 approach. You could get credit, but when it came
18 to the performance based, you could do everything
19 with it.

20 Now we are moving that so that it is
21 basically as a part of the prescriptive; then you
22 can also exchange in the form of the credit in the
23 overall envelope approach. And also overall
24 performance of the building.

25 MR. TRIMBERGER: Okay. For reroofs that

1 application does not go through a compliance
2 procedure before a permit is issued or anything.
3 How are we attempting to influence the market for
4 cool roofs for reroofs?

5 DR. AKBARI: To the extent that I
6 understand -- I will let the staff respond to
7 that, but --

8 MR. TRIMBERGER: Right now if it's an
9 alteration to the building it meets the definition
10 of alteration, -- get into the standards. But if
11 it's just a reroof, that typically does not
12 require the building official to get calculations
13 to see, gee, how does your new roof comply with
14 the energy standards.

15 DR. AKBARI: Would you like to help me
16 on that one, please?

17 MR. PENNINGTON: Basically this would
18 be, it would be considered an alteration. And the
19 requirement would work the same way. It would be
20 a prescriptive requirement. And you could do a
21 performance approach on it if you wanted to.
22 Maybe that's unlikely to happen.

23 MR. TRIMBERGER: Are you saying a reroof
24 is an alteration?

25 MR. PENNINGTON: We've never had any --

1 anytime you alter something that's addressed by
2 the standards, then that piece of the standard is
3 invoked relative to that change.

4 MR. TRIMBERGER: No. We have a
5 definition of alteration in the standards. It
6 says it's a change to, I believe, the conditioned
7 floor area.

8 MR. PENNINGTON: That's an addition.

9 MR. TRIMBERGER: That's an addition. So
10 a reroof would be considered an alteration.

11 MR. PENNINGTON: And so on flat roofs if
12 you're reroofing, this requirement would be
13 invoked.

14 MR. TRIMBERGER: Okay. I'm not real
15 familiar with the products, the cool roof products
16 out there, but I know business owners, building
17 owners are very very sensitive to their roofs. Is
18 this basically the same type of roofing, but
19 different color? Or, you know, are they still
20 going to be able to get the warranty and
21 everything else that they want?

22 DR. AKBARI: Based on the market
23 analysis that we have done, particularly for flat
24 roofs, there are choices of color almost at no
25 incremental cost.

1 MR. PENNINGTON: So is it true, just a
2 kind of follow-on to what Tom is talking about, is
3 it true that it's feasible to do any reroof as a
4 cool roof and there's really no roof type that
5 it's infeasible to go to a cool roof?

6 DR. AKBARI: For a good majority of the
7 buildings the answer is yes. But you can always
8 find in the building industry some exceptions.

9 I would like to particularly provide a
10 current example in this current building, this
11 Commission building is being reroofed. And on a
12 conference call that we had last week with the
13 contractor, one question was what's the price
14 difference between white membrane and a black
15 membrane that they're going to install. And the
16 answer was nothing, zero.

17 MR. TRIMBERGER: There's no difference
18 then in warranty performance issues?

19 DR. AKBARI: Absolutely none. What
20 actually there is a general belief that light
21 colored roofs last longer. So there is a kind of
22 feeling of easiness in the manufacturers that they
23 are better off with the reflective roofs.

24 MR. TRIMBERGER: Thank you.

25 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Tom. Dave Ware.

1 MR. WARE: I have a question somewhat
2 related to Randall's. In the analysis of savings
3 what was assumed for -- I assumed that there was
4 insulation underneath the membrane someplace.

5 DR. AKBARI: Correct.

6 MR. WARE: It was either BUR or it was
7 underneath the roof deck or something.

8 DR. AKBARI: Correct.

9 MR. WARE: I didn't find a table in
10 here, but --

11 DR. AKBARI: There is a table in here
12 that gives that number and the assumptions are the
13 prescriptive requirement for the Title 24. And in
14 some climate regions it is 19, R-19. In some
15 climate region it's R-11. But it is based on the
16 recommendation of Title 24.

17 MR. WARE: But did you, in the analysis,
18 do -- where I'm leading to here is aged R value.
19 What we have --

20 DR. AKBARI: No.

21 MR. WARE: And I think -- I know you
22 didn't take account for that, and I think you and
23 I had some discussion with the Commission sometime
24 ago around aged R value. And we are seeing aged R
25 value particularly in built-up roofing systems or

1 commercial roof decks as being a big deal.

2 And so what I'm hearing --

3 MR. ELEY: You mean aged absorptance, or
4 aged R value?

5 MR. WARE: Aged R values of insulation
6 materials being exposed -- polyIso versus
7 extruded, et cetera.

8 I know ASTM has been working on this,
9 but I was curious whether there was any attempt to
10 deal with that issue in the context of the energy
11 benefits of cool roof technology.

12 DR. AKBARI: In this report we haven't
13 done that. And the comments or the responses that
14 I make are based on my general understanding.
15 Having, as the insulation value degrades over
16 time, the impact of the light colored roofs
17 becomes even more pronounced.

18 So, the savings increases significantly
19 if you are thinking that you are R-19 on your
20 roof, but the reality of an R-13, your saving
21 because of the cool roof is probably about 50
22 percent more than what it is being reflected in
23 here.

24 But in here we basically follow the
25 letter of the law and assume that R-19 and R-11.

1 And we try to avoid that head-to-head discussion
2 and --

3 MR. WARE: Okay.

4 DR. AKBARI: It is a tangential issue
5 which is only strengthening the application of the
6 reflective roofs.

7 MR. WARE: I think I agree generally
8 with what you're saying. At some point the
9 Commission needs to deal with aged R value stuff.
10 I'm not so sure that the code arena, if you want
11 to call it that, or the testing arena, standards
12 arena, is quite there yet. But I appreciate your
13 answer.

14 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Dave. Are there
15 any more questions or comments? Jon.

16 MR. MCHUGH: Does this proposal
17 essentially outline sort of the hot -- built-up
18 roofing, is that essentially, I mean what are the
19 repercussions of the proposal?

20 DR. AKBARI: Clearly moving the arena
21 from giving credit to cool roofs is requiring a
22 stringent criteria for hot roofs, so there are
23 ways to compensate for that. Is that correct,
24 Bill?

25 MR. PENNINGTON: This is the

1 prescriptive requirement, the basis of the
2 performance standards. So it's not outlawing any
3 product --

4 MR. MCHUGH: But you have to yet do
5 something to --

6 DR. AKBARI: Absolutely, yes.

7 MR. MCHUGH: Okay, thanks.

8 MR. ALCORN: Okay, Tom Trimberger.

9 MR. TRIMBERGER: I'm still a little
10 concerned as far as an alteration to reroofing
11 could be repair. You know, is there a percentage
12 of the roof, or a size that, you know, -- in many
13 cases it's an emergency repair, too. You know, a
14 big storm comes in and wipes out half the roof and
15 they're up there the next day.

16 I'm a little concerned that we may have
17 a problem with repair versus alteration of looking
18 as in putting a new compliance path here for a
19 reroof.

20 MR. PENNINGTON: Good point. Any
21 responses to that?

22 DR. AKBARI: I share that.

23 MR. ALCORN: Okay. Elaine Hebert.

24 MS. HEBERT: Hi, this is Elaine Hebert
25 from the Energy Commission. Following the

1 discussion we had this morning on lay-in, I had a
2 comment that I made offline to some folks after
3 the morning session. And I just wanted to get it
4 online.

5 And that is I'm hoping that somebody, if
6 not the Energy Commission, that somebody will
7 develop a guideline or something that will help
8 people considering building a new building, or
9 reroofing or whatever, to analyze whether a cool
10 roof, a radiant barrier roof or certain levels of
11 insulation will be the best choice for them.

12 And right now I don't know that we're
13 integrating those approaches. I'm hoping that
14 somewhere along the line we'll be able to offer
15 some help to new buildings and alterations that
16 will help determine what is the best, given all
17 the, you know, first cost, life cycle cost,
18 comfort of the building and energy bills and all
19 that stuff, that we'll be able to give some
20 guidelines on how to do that well.

21 DR. AKBARI: I fully agree with Elaine's
22 comments. The interesting thing here is to recall
23 a lot of people ask this question, is white color
24 reflective roof as effective on an insulated
25 building versus uninsulated building.

1 And I immediately reverse the question
2 and say that is the insulation is very effective
3 on a light color roof building or dark colored
4 roof building.

5 So there is the question of the trade.
6 And based on the data that we have, the
7 incremental costs for cooling roof versus a hot
8 roof is almost zero, when the roof is being done;
9 either it's new or the time of the reroof.

10 But, every inch of insulation that is
11 being laid, one has to pay for it. So basically
12 there is an optimization problem in there. In
13 addition to that, when you add the equipment
14 sizing, and when you add the question of the
15 radiant barrier. So such a tool is really
16 necessary to be able to perform an optimized
17 calculation for individual buildings.

18 MR. ALCORN: Any additional comments or
19 concerns?

20 MR. AHMED: This is something I'd like
21 to ask you. Why wasn't that optimization done in
22 your analysis? You could have done that, right?

23 DR. AKBARI: No. Already Title 24 does
24 have requirements for the level of insulation for
25 a building. And the criteria that we were having

1 is that working with those requirements, or those
2 constraints, or what the present value of
3 insulation is, to do the cost/benefit analysis on
4 this.

5 In a different report that I have done,
6 and it is published and it's available in the
7 literature, I have done an optimization, limited
8 optimization analysis only comparing the impact of
9 the reflective roof and insulation. Not even
10 downsizing of the equipment.

11 And I'm finding out in some places --
12 let me give you one specific example. If you want
13 to put an R-30 in a place like Miami Beach for a
14 dark roof, you can get away with putting R-3 on
15 that building and having a reflective roof on that
16 building.

17 Clearly when you move north to
18 Minneapolis the conditions would not look that
19 favorable.

20 So that kind of optimization are needed.
21 But in this analysis, the way that Title 24 has
22 been basically added together or pieced together,
23 it wouldn't allow for that kind of flexibility.

24 MR. AHMED: So would you say that in the
25 standards manual, in the standards, some sort of,

1 as Elaine has suggested, some sort of guidelines
2 as far as by climate zone combination of equipment
3 sizing, radiant barrier, insulation and cool roof,
4 some sort of guidelines be set so that the
5 designer gets a good signal that in this climate
6 zone this particular combination works best?

7 DR. AKBARI: Well, the answer is yes.
8 And then from the optimization I also should like
9 to mention the incremental costs for cool roofs
10 are zero.

11 MR. AHMED: Right.

12 DR. AKBARI: Optimization always
13 converges toward the reflective roof for all
14 climate regions. So that is basically going to be
15 the prescriptive and the basecase. So now the
16 tool is really required to integrate all the other
17 valuations. Correct.

18 MR. PENNINGTON: It's not really the
19 purpose of the compliance manual to try to figure
20 out what's the optimum for any particular
21 building. Rather it's the purpose of the
22 compliance manual to explain how to comply with
23 the standards. And what to do if you're going to
24 do X or you're going to do Y, and what the
25 requirements are.

1 You know, in general we don't get into
2 trying to recommend what's the optimum set of
3 features.

4 MR. AHMED: I agree with you, but the
5 standards, themselves, almost speak for
6 themselves. If you say EER of 12, it
7 automatically implies that EER of 12 will be more
8 cost effective than say EER of 11.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: Well, but see what
10 you're asking is is an EER of 12 more cost
11 effective than an AFUE of 9.2. We don't get into
12 that.

13 MR. MAHONE: Actually the utilities
14 have, through their new construction programs,
15 have the energy design resources which provides a
16 lot of design guidelines and software, EQuest is
17 provided to that. That would actually be probably
18 the better way to discuss these kinds of cross-
19 venture optimization questions.

20 MR. AHMED: Yeah, the only concern, the
21 comment I had was because it's all pertaining to
22 one aspect of the building, which is the roof.
23 That is the only reason I thought that some
24 guidelines might help.

25 Otherwise, as far as the other measures

1 like whether it is appliances or walls or, you
2 know, other factors in a building, that's up to
3 the designer to recommend to the customer what is
4 the most optimal for that particular building.

5 But since this issue is so complicated,
6 that cool roof and a radiant barrier and the
7 sizing, they all affect -- they are all
8 interrelated to some extent.

9 So I thought maybe some guideline might
10 help. Or maybe it should be CABEC or somebody who
11 should disseminate this information.

12 MR. PENNINGTON: To a large extent my
13 opinion is that providing tools that are effective
14 in evaluating various measures for a given
15 building is a good thing to do. Probably the best
16 thing you could do.

17 MR. ALCORN: Are there any additional
18 comments on this paper?

19 Okay, Hashem, thank you very much --

20 DR. AKBARI: Thank you very much.

21 MR. ALCORN: -- for this presentation.
22 We'll move on to our next and last topic, gas
23 cooling compliance options. And Steve Brennan
24 from Davis Energy Group will be presenting this
25 topic. Steve.

1 MR. BRENNAN: My name is Steve Brennan
2 and I'm from Davis Energy Group. I'm presenting
3 the report titled gas cooling compliance options
4 for residential and nonresidential buildings on
5 behalf of Southern California Gas Company.

6 Next slide. Overview of our proposal.
7 We want to introduce an improved compliance option
8 related to gas cooling equipment. The residential
9 technologies that we want to cover are single
10 effect absorption chiller -- air conditioner. And
11 the commercial technologies are double effect
12 absorption chiller, gas engine chiller and gas
13 engine heat pump.

14 Next slide. The gas cooling compliance
15 option background. Southern California Gas
16 originally proposed improvements to the gas
17 cooling standards in the AB-970 Title 24
18 proceedings. But the California Energy Commission
19 was not able to accommodate gas cooling due to the
20 short timeframe of the emergency regulations.

21 There was an agreement to address
22 inclusion of appropriate gas cooling compliance
23 options within the standards 2005 revision. And
24 we've been working very closely with the
25 California Energy Commission on this proposal.

1 Statewide codes and standards team, the
2 IOUs, ranked natural gas cooling as a high
3 priority for implementations in standards updates.
4 The need for changes to the gas cooling standards
5 became more relevant with the introduction of TDV
6 methodology.

7 Next slide, please. Currently gas
8 cooling is treated in the ACMs such that
9 residential, MICROPAS includes an analysis for gas
10 engine heat pumps. And single effect absorption
11 chillers are only included in the standards table;
12 they're not described in the residential ACM
13 manual.

14 On the nonresidential side absorption
15 chillers are both in the standards table and the
16 ACM manual, but gas engine equipment is not
17 described in either the standards or the ACM
18 manual.

19 Next slide, please. The benefits of gas
20 cooling. Gas cooling provides end users with more
21 options to manage and control their energy use
22 profile. There's significant electrical peak
23 demand reduction. There's a potential for
24 customer utility bill savings especially with time
25 of use rates.

1 Opportunities for improved plant
2 efficiencies and heat recovery. And reduce size
3 of emergency power generation systems. Cost
4 savings for smaller units.

5 Next. Scope of the change would be to
6 add a new residential compliance option for
7 absorption cooling. And then for the
8 nonresidential side, we would make these changes
9 to the compliance options.

10 We would add gas engine driven heat pump
11 and gas engine driven chillers to the ACM manual
12 and the standards efficiency tables. Modify the
13 standards language to allow heat recovery already
14 provided for in the ACMs. But that heat, we would
15 only allow heat from space conditioning to be
16 recovered, and it would have to be used for space
17 conditioning or domestic hot water.

18 This proposed new defaults for
19 absorption chiller temperature HIR curves. We
20 also would apply hourly TDV models, residential
21 and nonresidential technologies.

22 Next slide, please. The methodology we
23 used, we analyzed gas cooling versus baseline
24 electric systems. We compared the flat source
25 multiplier energy use to TDV energy use for five

1 climate zones.

2 We collected data from commercial
3 equipment manufacturer to compare the current
4 equipment on the market to the current DOE2
5 eligibility criteria and default curves.

6 And we collected data from residential
7 equipment manufacturers to develop the ACM model.

8 For the residential analysis we used the
9 California Energy Commission standard 1761 square
10 foot house. The baseline equipment was electric,
11 12 SEER air conditioner. We used MICROPAS version
12 6.1, the research version, to generate a loads
13 file, because the TDV version was not yet
14 available.

15 The standard loads file was imported
16 into the HMG TDV spreadsheet. And this
17 spreadsheet includes proposed 2005 changes for
18 electric air conditioner modeling, including fan
19 energy accounting, et cetera.

20 We applied the gas absorption model to
21 the loads data to generate gas and electricity
22 consumption values for the gas equipment. And
23 this model also included the 2005 assumptions.

24 The output of this model was used to
25 modify the loads file to create a proposed case.

1 And the proposed loads file was then imported into
2 the TDV spreadsheets which calculated source
3 energy versus TDV compliance.

4 For the nonresidential analysis we used
5 the 7200 square foot office building developed by
6 Gabel Dodd/EnergySoft for nonres ACM tests. Used
7 EnergyPro version 3.1 with DOE2.1E simulation
8 engine to generate the standard and proposed
9 energy use files.

10 Gas cooling equipment inputs for
11 EnergyPro were restricted to equipment size, fan
12 power, cooling HIR, heating HIR for the heat pump,
13 EIR and performance curves for the double effect
14 absorption chiller.

15 The output files were then imported into
16 the TDV spreadsheet for the same comparison as the
17 residential.

18 On the next slide you can see a table of
19 comparing the electric baseline characteristics on
20 the left to the equivalent gas cooling. This was
21 the comparison made. So on the right, for the
22 absorption equipment, we already have values in
23 the table and the standards that are minimum
24 eligibility criteria.

25 And that's what's listed as current.

1 It's the same as proposed because we don't propose
2 any changes to that. There is nothing for the gas
3 engine driven equipment, so we proposed a series
4 of efficiencies there.

5 Next slide. Really quickly, these are
6 the results of the single effect absorption
7 chiller for the residential. The top table on the
8 left-hand column shows the different climate zones
9 that were run. And the right-hand column shows
10 the compliance.

11 This top table is for flat source
12 multiplier. The compliance margins being negative
13 show that the equipment did not comply using the
14 flat source multiplier.

15 The bottom table shows the same five
16 climate zones when run with the time dependent
17 valuation multiplier; and it shows that all of the
18 equipment, or all the climate zones had
19 compliance.

20 Next slide. Engine driven chiller,
21 nonresidential. And again the compliance margins
22 for the flat source multiplier were all negative.
23 But with the time dependent valuations first
24 multiplier, they were all positive actually. Kind
25 of a wide margin of compliance.

1 On the next double effect absorption
2 chiller, again noncompliance by a wide margin with
3 the flat source multiplier. And for the five
4 climate zones there was compliance with the TDV
5 multiplier.

6 The last piece of equipment is the
7 engine driven heat pump. And again noncompliance
8 with flat source multiplier; wide margin of
9 compliance with the time dependent valuation.

10 So this brings us to our
11 recommendations. In the standards we went through
12 and we found where it would be appropriate to make
13 changes. We found that we would need to add a new
14 definition to section 101 to include gas cooling
15 equipment as that it's defined.

16 In section 1.22, tables 1-C2 and 1-C3
17 where the minimum efficiency, the eligibility
18 criteria are listed, we would need to make
19 additions for the gas engine equipment. Section
20 141 energy budgets, we'd need to make a very small
21 change there to allow heat recovery from space
22 conditioning equipment for space conditioning
23 equipment, or DHW.

24 In the residential ACM we'd need to add
25 a reference to gas equipment in equipment

1 efficiency/method under certificate of compliance.

2 Add a definition for absorption chiller.

3 Add an exception to equipment type in section 2.2,
4 the computer method summary, so that if gas
5 absorption equipment was specified it would be
6 listed under special features.

7 And add gas absorption model to section
8 3.8.2 cooling equipment.

9 Nonresidential ACM, the only major
10 change that needed to be made was to add section
11 3.5.2.3; this was a new section we developed for
12 gas engine driven chillers and heat pumps. It
13 works for both and it includes the heat recovery.

14 We would need to change the default
15 DOE2.1 coefficient; this is a recommendation we're
16 making. And complete an environmental impact
17 study that we're currently working on. This will
18 be integrated into the code change proposal and
19 completed in early September.

20 And that's all.

21 MR. ALCORN: Okay, thank you, Steve.

22 We'll open it up to questions and comments.

23 Doug.

24 MR. MAHONE: It wasn't clear from your
25 presentation, one of the classic gotcha's with

1 various gas cooling technologies is the parasitic
2 losses for pumping and for heat rejection and so
3 forth, which are electric loads. Has that all
4 been accounted for in this analysis?

5 MR. BRENNAN: Yeah, in DOE2, working
6 with Gabel Dodd we figured out. We wanted apples-
7 to-apples comparison, so, yeah, we went through
8 that.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: The environmental study
10 that was mentioned at the end is going to be an
11 important part of the Commission's decision about
12 whether to approve the compliance option or to,
13 you know, mitigate environmental impacts as part
14 of the compliance option. So that's definitely a
15 very important part of the project.

16 And The Gas Company has initiated a
17 quite thorough evaluation of that, so that
18 information will be made public when it's
19 available.

20 MR. BRENNAN: And I might add that in
21 the process of doing that we'll also be able to
22 get quantifiable energy savings to show the
23 benefit of reduced electricity use in addition to
24 whatever environmental benefits.

25 MR. SPRINGER: Dave Springer, Davis

1 Energy Group. Bill, will there be some --
2 criteria adopted for the environmental standards
3 or --

4 MR. PENNINGTON: Yeah.

5 MR. SPRINGER: And do we have those
6 criteria established now, or is it something that
7 you're going to wait to do until you see the
8 numbers?

9 MR. PENNINGTON: The CEQA requirement is
10 that if there are significant impacts then those
11 impacts need to be mitigated, or the Commission
12 needs to state why they're not being mitigated.

13 MR. FERNSTROM: Gary Fernstrom, PG&E.
14 Just a comment on the environmental impacts. I
15 think it's important that we look at these
16 environmental impacts in the context of the
17 electric crisis.

18 And it seems to me that some latitude
19 was given peaking plants for operating during the
20 summer in order to mitigate the likelihood of
21 electric outages. And when we consider natural
22 gas cooling as an alternative to electric, it, in
23 effect, reduces the electric peak load. And I
24 think ought to be given the same latitude with
25 respect to its environmental impacts.

1 MR. PENNINGTON: It's not at all clear
2 that there will be a significant impact found, at
3 least not in all air districts. So that's one
4 thing I would say.

5 The second thing I would say it's not at
6 all clear that it would be unreasonable to
7 mitigate impacts if they were found. And, you
8 know, if you sort of -- if you have a problem with
9 both of those things, then you get to the policy
10 issue that you're talking about.

11 MR. FERNSTROM: Well, it's been our
12 experience that in dealing with engine driven
13 cooling, no matter how hard you try you can't get
14 rid of some hydrocarbon emissions. And that's the
15 particular issue that I'm concerned about with
16 respect to avoiding electric outages.

17 MR. PENNINGTON: To avoid a significant
18 impact doesn't mean you have to have zero
19 emissions, because they're not the same thing.

20 MR. FERNSTROM: Thank you.

21 MR. SPRINGER: One thing I would like to
22 mention with respect to our analysis of gas engine
23 technologies is that a lot of the systems on the
24 market are variable speed; and that it's easy to
25 run, to unload a gas engine chiller, for example,

1 by lowering the speed of the engine.

2 And our analysis assumed basically on
3 and off. So it's kind of a worst case scenario.

4 MR. ALCORN: Ahmed.

5 MR. AHMED: I was just trying to
6 understand, is there going to be any more
7 workshops?

8 MR. ALCORN: Yeah.

9 MR. AHMED: There will be? Okay. I
10 just wanted to understand because if the emissions
11 study results should be presented again, or it
12 should be just circulated. That's what I was
13 trying to understand.

14 MR. PENNINGTON: We will want to present
15 it before we're done, for sure.

16 MR. ALCORN: Marshall.

17 MR. HUNT: Marshall Hunt, PG&E. I
18 noticed in the report there was a mention about
19 the low NOx burners; and I'm thinking about burner
20 technology, not engine technologies.

21 And I guess this would be a question to
22 the DEG folks. I'm used to seeing most places in
23 California requiring low NOx burners. And so I
24 was a little surprised to see that there was sort
25 of an optional statement made, if I'm correct in

1 reading the report, that there might be places
2 where we're not required to have low NOx burners?
3 Did I misread that?

4 It seems like that's a mitigation that's
5 already occurring in most of the open flame burner
6 technologies.

7 MR. SPRINGER: I think that all of the
8 gas cooling technologies have varying degrees of
9 mitigating features applied to them. And we're
10 not suggesting that those be eliminated by any
11 stretch. And, you know, in fact I think, you
12 know, we'll be proposing best available -- that
13 they meet at least best available technology
14 standards.

15 MR. HUNT: Good, because I'm thinking
16 that a lot of times just as some simple
17 technologies apply to those burners, reduce at
18 least the NOx component to what, nanograms we're
19 looking at. So, thank you.

20 MR. MAHONE: I realize I'm actually not
21 clear. Is this just for performance calculations,
22 or with the fact that there are minimum efficiency
23 requirements mean that if somebody took the
24 prescriptive approach they could simply put in a
25 gas chiller or gas air conditioner that met the

1 minimum efficiency requirements?

2 MR. SPRINGER: Well, we're intending
3 this as a compliance option, so it wouldn't be
4 applied as a prescriptive method for meeting
5 standards.

6 MR. MAHONE: Okay, so it would only be a
7 tradeoff option?

8 MR. SPRINGER: Right.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: Well, actually, David,
10 I don't think that's the way your proposal reads.
11 With the mandatory requirements, you know, unless
12 there was a statement in the standards that says
13 you can't install these prescriptively, then the
14 standards would allow them to be installed
15 prescriptively. And the only requirement that
16 would be set would be the mandatory requirements.

17 MR. SPRINGER: I stand corrected.

18 MR. AHMED: That's what -- we had a
19 discussion about this, this very topic, between
20 David and I, we were talking about it. Whether
21 one should be allowed to sort of, I think we have,
22 in one of those packets, tables where you can
23 substitute pieces of equipment; whether or not
24 cooling could be -- gas cooling could be
25 substituted. And we were not sure whether we were

1 going to ask for that or whether the Commission
2 Staff would like to --

3 MR. PENNINGTON: So you're talking about
4 the residential packages?

5 MR. AHMED: For residential. In the
6 nonres mostly compliance is through performance
7 anyway. So, --

8 MR. PENNINGTON: Not true.

9 MR. AHMED: Well, I think --

10 MR. PENNINGTON: It's about 50 percent
11 is what we understand.

12 MR. AHMED: So we were open to that
13 idea, whether it should be prescriptive or
14 performance. But the way it was written up,
15 during our discussions, The Gas Company and DEG,
16 that we'll propose it as a performance, but we
17 would welcome prescriptive requirements, as well.

18 MR. MAHONE: Yeah, it seems like that's
19 a fairly fundamental question that needs to be
20 answered.

21 MR. ELEY: Well, I have a question along
22 those lines. If it's not in the prescriptive
23 standards, and if it's purely a compliance option,
24 is an environmental impact statement necessary in
25 that case?

1 MR. PENNINGTON: Yes.

2 MR. ELEY: It still is necessary?

3 MR. PENNINGTON: Right. The credits
4 that were created for gas cooling equipment
5 already in the standards, we had a fairly
6 significant environmental analysis, and it was a
7 significant issue.

8 So, yeah. You can think of it as the
9 Commission is making a decision that will change
10 the emissions impacts in California by approving
11 or not approving this compliance option.

12 MR. ELEY: But I mean you could argue
13 that any compliance option has a potential for
14 doing that.

15 MR. PENNINGTON: Usually --

16 MR. ELEY: Lighting control credits --

17 MR. PENNINGTON: Usually they don't have
18 possible negative consequences. Usually they're
19 only positive consequences.

20 Lighting control credits generally are
21 reducing electric energy --

22 MR. ELEY: But if you do, if you make
23 decisions in the design process that result in
24 increased heating load and reduced cooling load,
25 wouldn't that increase emissions if you're

1 assuming gas heat?

2 MR. PENNINGTON: I don't know, maybe we
3 should get more severe about all of our --

4 (Laughter.)

5 MR. ELEY: Well, you know, --

6 (Parties speaking simultaneously.)

7 MR. ELEY: I don't know, it seems like a
8 slippery slope.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: It's a secondary effect
10 whereas, you know, if you're doing something that
11 will directly affect gas energy use, then it's a
12 direct effect instead of a secondary effect.

13 MR. ELEY: Okay. I'll be quiet.

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. ALCORN: John.

16 MR. ELEY: Said too much already.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MR. McHUGH: Related to emissions, there
19 actually were two formats of the TDVs. One was
20 TDVs with externalities and the other one was
21 without externalities.

22 And the one with externalities
23 monetizes, you know, the emissions impact on the
24 state of various code requirements.

25 So if you want to go down that path,

1 there actually is a method. We've actually
2 already invested the time required to make that
3 valuation.

4 MR. PENNINGTON: Basically this
5 environmental analysis here is an assessment of is
6 there a significant environmental impact in each
7 of the air districts in California resulting from
8 approval of this change.

9 So it's not trying to value that or how
10 to trade that off or anything; it's an assessment
11 of if there's -- is there a significant impact.

12 MR. PIERCE: Tony Pierce with Southern
13 California Edison. Jon, I'd just follow up on
14 that. The TDV spreadsheet that was used for the
15 DEG analysis was without externalities, I presume,
16 right?

17 MR. MCHUGH: The TDV spreadsheet is set
18 up so that you can use either set of TDV values.
19 And so there was a full set of 16 TDV values
20 without externalities, and a set of 16 with
21 externalities.

22 SPEAKER: It sounds like you guys used
23 the one without externalities.

24 MR. AHMED: I think, if I'm not
25 mistaken, the TDV energy values, the formula that

1 Charles proposed for converting TDV values to
2 energy, I think that's based on the non external
3 values. So I think non externality values,
4 translating the present value to some sort of
5 energy value. So I think that's what we stated.

6 MR. ALCORN: Steve Gates.

7 MR. GATES: With the analysis of the
8 engine driven technologies for both residential
9 and commercial, is there any accounting for
10 differences in maintenance costs, one versus the
11 other? Or is this strictly a comparison looking
12 at source energy one way versus the other versus
13 TDV budget energy without taking into account real
14 costs?

15 MR. SPRINGER: No, we didn't look at
16 life cycle costs or -- cost in the analysis.

17 MR. GATES: Okay. Is there any
18 significant issues with noise? Like say in a
19 residential area where you're going with engine
20 driven heat pumps versus electrically driven
21 equipment and impacts on, you know, adjacent
22 properties, that type of thing?

23 MR. SPRINGER: Well, first of all, for
24 residential gas engine heat pumps are no longer
25 available. And we're not proposing that they be

1 taken out, necessarily, but we're waiting for
2 someone to come in to promote them, if they're
3 available. And so I think they'll basically fade
4 away in the 2005 standards unless, you know, a
5 manufacturer steps forward quickly between now and
6 then.

7 MR. GATES: I see.

8 MR. SPRINGER: And gas absorption is
9 generally quieter than --

10 MR. GATES: Yeah, the gas absorption we
11 think could be pretty quiet.

12 MR. SPRINGER: Yeah. And, you know, as
13 with emissions, there are, you know, there are
14 local standards on noise emissions, and there are
15 mitigating measures can be applied. So we're just
16 going forward assuming that the local standards
17 will be applied, and that they can --

18 MR. GATES: Okay.

19 MR. SPRINGER: But we haven't looked at
20 the cost effectiveness.

21 MR. GATES: All right. For the purposes
22 of the record I'm Steve Gates with Hirsch and
23 Associates.

24 MR. PENNINGTON: Steve, just also
25 responding to the question, looking at that noise

1 impacts would be part of the environmental
2 analysis that we would do. So, we're looking at
3 it.

4 MR. FERNSTROM: Just a comment on the
5 noise issue with respect to the old triathlon
6 equipment, the noise of the engine was really
7 swamped by the noise of the condenser fan. So,
8 that equipment, you know, had no appreciable noise
9 impact residentially.

10 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Gary. Any
11 remaining comments, questions?

12 Okay. Well, it looks like we've made it
13 through the end of the topics. Amazingly we're
14 almost an hour ahead of schedule.

15 MR. TRIMBERGER: Save those for the next
16 workshop.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MR. ALCORN: I wish we could. I'd like
19 to thank you all for this very beneficial and
20 useful workshop.

21 SPEAKER: Bryan, could you tell us --

22 MR. ALCORN: Yeah, that was -- actually
23 we're working right now trying to pin down the
24 schedule for the next phase of work.

25 At this point we haven't worked all the

1 way through that yet. We think that there may be
2 a workshop in late October. But, again, that
3 isn't pinned down.

4 What I encourage you to do is watch the
5 project website for announcements I'll be making
6 there. And also I will be sending out broadcast
7 emails to give you a heads-up for planning your
8 calendars.

9 Any questions about that? Tony.

10 MR. PIERCE: So not September, though?

11 MR. ALCORN: Well, probably not, Tony.
12 We're thinking of probably late October for the
13 next workshop.

14 MS. HEBERT: What is likely to happen at
15 the next workshop?

16 MR. ALCORN: Well, actually the next
17 phase of work is going to be drafting the
18 standards language, so we're starting that process
19 now. And it's going to be sort of a continuation.
20 We already have the draft language that's in the
21 reports, and we'll be working with each of the
22 authors to -- and Charles and his team to hone
23 that language into --

24 MR. ELEY: We're actually going to try
25 and bring both the draft standards and draft ACMS,

1 or at least changes to the ACMs, forward at the
2 next workshop.

3 So what you'll see, Elaine, at the next
4 workshop is our attempt to kind of take these 50
5 or so codes change proposals and put them into the
6 standards and the ACMs.

7 MR. ALCORN: Okay.

8 MR. ELEY: Responding to all the
9 comments.

10 MR. ALCORN: All right. Well, thank you
11 all very much. We'll keep you posted on the next
12 workshop.

13 (Whereupon, at 2:10 p.m., the workshop
14 was adjourned.)

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